

## Death takes Jim Starnes, '50

**James E. Starnes, '50**, spent two years of his life trying to get AMA reopened shortly after it closed in January of 1984. Now, after a series of health setbacks, Jim passed away on 6 October.

Frustrated by charlatans, Jim felt that this was the one real opportunity "to put AMA back on the air. AMA deserved to be saved and I spent two entire years of my life dedicated to that purpose." As it almost always does, it boiled down to money. The owners of the property would increase the price for the property every time Jim came up with a workable plan. Every alumnus and friend of AMA owes Jim their gratitude for what he tried to do.

The next issue will have a SPOTLIGHT article on Jim.



**Jim Starnes, 1950 Recall**

## November meeting in Staunton saw renewed efforts to focus our energies

Despite repeated invitations to all alumni to attend a one day meeting to help plot our future, it was mainly Board members and Trustees who were there on 1 November at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton. Those who did attend saw a renewed effort to focus our energies on the future while simultaneously developing contingency plans including owning our museum and raising the funds needed to sustain a legacy that will outlive us all.



Foundation Chairman **Blaine Clarke, '72**, said that for us to have the success that is within our grasp, we need a wider participation by the 1,700 plus alumni who are on our mailing list. "We promoted the 1 November meeting for six months on line and in The Bayonet and while we had alumni from as far

away as Texas, Florida, Utah and California in attendance, many within an hour's drive of Staunton failed to appear. We did have two alumni on the speaker phone plus a Stuart Hall alumna but we hoped that far more AMA alumni would participate."

The leadership is looking not only at the immediate horizon but considering long-term objectives as well. One of these is to prepare for the continued existence and well-being of the museum after we and the lease have run their respective courses. One necessary first step toward guaranteeing the continuation of our efforts is the consideration of options open to us when the current phase ends.

To that end, the Trustees are continuously interested in several possibilities, including that of finding a permanent home for the museum and collections.

**Reunion 2015 to honor  
150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Civil  
War end, 70<sup>th</sup> of WW II**

**Oysters are  
Jack White's  
world**

**Jerry Izenberg's new  
book on Pete Rozelle**

Augusta Military Academy  
Alumni Association, Inc.

Fall 2014



Dear AMA Brothers and Friends,

I hope everyone had a safe and prosperous summer and with me, now enjoying fall football!

Our reunion theme for 2015 will be "Countrymen Again," a marking of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Next year's reunion will be unlike any we have ever had before. Friday night after our dinner, we are invited to join the Staunton Military Academy Alumni Association for a dance at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton. SMA will provide the band and I understand that Stuart Hall alumni also are invited to attend.

In late October-early November, we had a meeting in Staunton to determine where we are going in the future. The details of that meeting are covered on page one and continues inside this issue. The question of the day was: how are we to survive and thrive as an association in the future? This will be a continuing challenge as our alumni base is diminished each year.

I know that some of you have good ideas about our future. We are eager to hear from you and hope that you will be willing to see your idea through to reality. We welcome all alumni to attend the Association Board meetings and you are equally welcome to attend the meetings of the Foundation Trustees.

If you have ideas about the 2016 reunion, we would like to hear them now so that there is plenty of time to prepare. Come to the 2015 reunion with those thoughts in mind!

We are grateful for every volunteer hour that is given to our cause whether it is helping put on a reunion or giving hours at our AMA Museum. Over the past years we have had a small but loyal cadre of volunteers to cover the Museum on weekends. I personally appreciate the new folks who have stepped up to volunteer on the weekends. It really helps boost the morale of the regular volunteers! We need to keep this effort going throughout 2015 and hopefully pick up three or more volunteers for weekends.

Please make your plans now to attend Reunion 2015! See you there!

Respectfully,

**LTC Stephen G. Trent, '70**

President

AMA Alumni Association, Inc.



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### 1935

**Julian Quarles** will have his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday on 15 January. This amazing man, a legitimate World War Two hero, lives in a retirement community in Harrisonburg. He is always eager to hear from AMA folks. Please call him at 540/568-8597. He has honored AMA in so many ways and the walkway in front of our Museum is known as "Quarles Walk." It is our turn to honor and remember him! (See photos on page 47)

### 1948

**Jerry Izenberg** is still contributing to the Newark *Star-Ledger*, the base for his extensive sports coverage over many years. Next year will see two milestones for Jerry: he hopes to attend his 50<sup>th</sup> consecutive Kentucky Derby and will be one of only two reporters to have attended every Super Bowl. He has just completed a book on former NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle. (See page 23) Jerry, father of four and grandfather of nine, lives in Henderson, NV. He has been plagued with back problems for which a surgical remedy is planned.

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### 1949

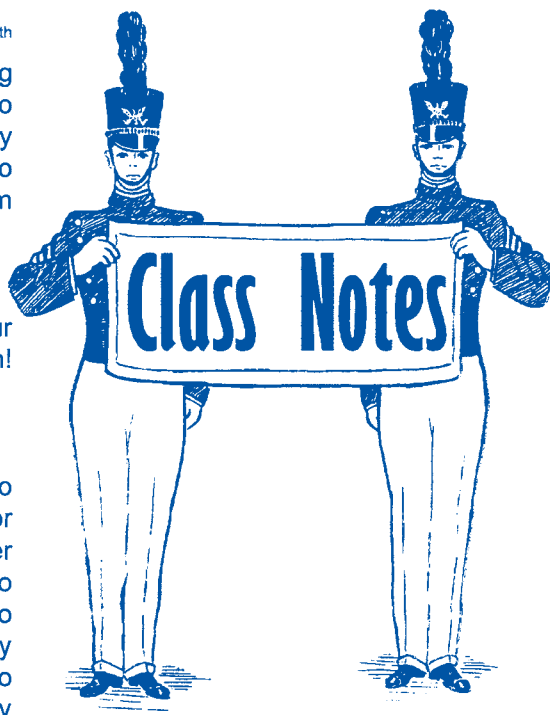
**Frank Spencer** and Ida spent the month of August at an assisted living facility in Charlottesville. One day they encountered **Mickey Toms**, '67, who was coming in to visit his mother. The Spencers returned home in time to meet and feed VMI First Classmen on their annual September march from Lexington to New Market, the 10<sup>th</sup> year the Spencers have done this. (See page 30)

[frankspencer53@gmail.com]

**Clyde Ramsey** lives in Windsor, CT with his 14 year old feline companion, Harry. Clyde was one of our most dedicated and knowledgeable museum docents when he was living in Virginia. He would dearly love to hear from his AMA friends at 1/860/432-9303.

### 1950

**Ed Click**, Sue, **Bob Bradford** and Nancy had a scenic tour of Switzerland by train in the Fall including the world famous Glacier Express which traverses 291 bridges and passes



**SUMMER VISIT - Lew Lepper, '47, and his wife, Barbara, stopped by AMA during the summer on the way from their home in Fayetteville, NC to Carlisle, PA. When he attended Augusta, Lew's father – a bird colonel – was stationed at Fort Meade. Lew was the first lieutenant in E Company.**

through 91 tunnels, with ever changing views of the Alps. (Photo on page 48) [edwin.click@comcast.net]  
[AMABayonet@aol.com]

### 1952

**Tommy Mitchell** and his daughter, Kim, both were burglarized in the last year. Kim was hit this past February while Tommy was robbed at his Staunton home in December of 2013. Among things taken from Tommy's

house: his **Ad Astra** pin and his 1952 AMA class ring. Kim is eager for all of the AMA family to know about these thefts and asks us all to be on the lookout for the ring or pin for sale on line or in a pawn shop. Before he was finally arrested, the burglar had broken into 37 homes in and around Staunton between October of 2013 and 19 March of this year.

[Kim.Mitchell@dss.Virginia.gov]

**Roger Messick** and Jean had an 18 day trip to Alaska and Connecticut in September. They live in Prescott, AZ.

[trmessup@aol.com]

### 1953

**Al Wattay** let us know that Diane is going to have a second knee replacement very soon. We wish her well! The Wattays live in Hilton Head and entertained Anne and **Luke Snyder**, '60, this past May. (Photo on page 19)

[dialwat@aol.com]

**Lew Muddin**, our ever faithful Richmond correspondent, has a brand new e-mail address.

[lmuddin35@gmail.com]

**Manuel Balbis** had to correct a rumor that appeared on FaceBook. He is NOT moving to Buenos Aires. Having a business in Argentina, he does now have a resident VISA but he has no plans to move from Miami.

[MBalbis@aol.com]

### 1957

**Goodloe Saunders** is happy to report that his cancer is in full remission. He has endured months of treatments and we have prayed so earnestly for his rapid and complete recovery.

### 1960

**Ben Zinkhan** and Joyce spent the month of September on a driving tour of the American West, a trip planned by **Don Studer**. The Zinkhans put 8,500 miles on their car while visiting 18 states. (Photo on page 47)

**Dr. Herb Widener** passed away in 1991 and his classmate **Luke Snyder** informs us that his widow, Marilyn Widener, died in Charlotte on 21 July.

[lukesnyder@carolina.rr.com]





**FREQUENT MUSEUM VISITOR - Terry McGurr, '64, stops by the Museum often, each time in a different sports car. (Page 19). He lives in Pompano Beach, FL.**

#### 1962

**Bruce Nicholson** is President of Air Quality Services in Santa Fe, NM.  
[Brucnichol@aol.com]

#### 1967

**Jim Stillwagon** made the AOL list of the best college football players never to play in the NFL. Jim did play in the Canadian Football League following a contract dispute with the Washington Redskins. He was an All American at Ohio State and was the first recipient of the Lombardi Trophy as the most outstanding lineman in all of college football. Thanks **Frank Williamson, '60**, for this info. [jim@stillwagon.net]

**Charlie Smith** says he is still working after 36 years but retirement is in sight. He lives in Prospect, KY.  
[charles.smith4@att.net]

**Mickey Toms** (see **Frank Spencer, '49**)

**Mac McInnis** had a very unusual August experience at his home on the Big Island in Hawaii. Two hurricanes came from the east and passed north of the island preceeded by a magnitude 4.5 earthquake. Protected by the near 14,000 foot Mauna Loa, Mac saw little evidence of the huge storms on his side of the mountain. Mary Kay missed the whole thing since she was visiting Seattle for a wedding.  
[cmcinnis@hawaii.rr.com]

#### 1968

**Rex Rumley** and **Michael McGuire** saw the 1969 Sunday Dress Parade video on our web page and recalled these weekly events with pride. But **Richard Lassiter, '66**, says parades *"were a waste of Sunday afternoons which is one reason I was a Day Boy."* But **Jim Bewley, '66**, said, *"I missed a lot by being a Day Boy and in the last half of my third year I moved into Big Barracks."*

**Dave Shearer** served in the Marine Corps for five years, saw action in the Vietnam War and is on disability with PTSD (posttraumatic stress syndrome). Dave is living in the capital of Illinois, Springfield. He tells *The Bayonet* that the **National Korean War Memorial**



**FROM LYNCHBURG - Carol and Bob Carson, '57, visited the Museum during the summer.**

is located in Springfield near the Old State Capitol Building and the Lincoln Presidential Library.

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#### 1969

**J. T. Kady** is back on the mailing list after **Gary Understein** tracked him down. J. T. and **Blaine Clarke** reconnected after Blaine got J.T.'s phone number from Gary. If each alumnus would search successfully for one lost friend, our mailing list would expand exponentially!

**Nicky Syropoulos** has a new e-mail.  
[nick.syropoulos51@gmail.com]

**Robert Brothers** is employed by the

Corman Marine Construction Company and lives in Virginia Beach. He is hoping to relocate to Baltimore.

#### 1970

**Larry Wilson** owns and manages Birds Nest Boats in Richmond.  
[111lw@aol.com]

**Jorge Roviroso** and Kiki are very proud indeed of their three and a half year old grandson, Gavin Gauthier. On his very first attempt to water ski, he not only got up but didn't fall!

[Jorovi@farovi.com]

#### 1972

**Reed Nettles** lives in Tempe, AZ where he is CEO of AALMG, a company promoting NASCAR.

[reed@getalicense.com]

**Ian McKnight** has joined the San Luis Obispo County (CA) Sheriff's office *"looking forward to many more years of doing what I love."* The county is located along the Pacific Ocean between Los Angeles and San Francisco. The famous Hearst Castle and California Polytechnic University (Cal Poly) are located in the county. The county also is the third largest producer of wine in the state. Ian says his time at AMA *"helped me more effectively serve the public trust."*

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**CALIFORNIA, HERE I COME! - On his way to California where he is relocating, George Rowland, '72, a retired chef, came by the Museum where he was greeted by his classmate Doug Carter, a Museum docent.**



**DON'T MESS WITH MIKE – OR KAITLIN!** Mike Payne, '76, and Kaitlin Little, his 15 year old granddaughter, spend a lot of time on the range. Katie shot in her first CMP High Power Rifle Match in Bremen, GA and took third place in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July High Power Match at Rome, GA. Mike, a member of the AMA Sports Hall of Fame, has worked for the last 20 years as an emergency services instructor and staff training coordinator.

#### 1984

**Chris Meek** has been selected by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to be part of a small group reviewing portfolios from social studies teachers across the state. The group is to determine which teachers meet the standards to teach Honors World History. By the time this issue is in the mail, Chris should have been elected to the New Hanover County Board of Education. Because of a possible conflict of interest, Chris took the preemptive step of finding a job outside the county and will be teaching World History at Northside High School in Jacksonville, NC. Congratulations, Chris!  
[cmeek15@ec.rr.com]

*Take a few minutes to send us information about yourself or another alumnus! Your brother alumni are very interested in what is going on in your life. Please share with us!*

#### 1976

**Mike Payne** recently was promoted to Assistant Director of Training at TSB Loss Control Center where he has been employed for the last 20 years as an Emergency Services Instructor and Staff Training Coordinator. Mike was inducted into the AMA Sports Hall of Fame in 2013. His 15 year old granddaughter, Kaitlin, has been following in his footsteps, firing well in a number of matches. (Photo above) They live in Rome, GA.

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#### 1977

**Ed Long** was admitted to a hospital in Huntersville, NC in late August. Later he was transferred to a hospital in Charlotte after internal bleeding was found. He was in intensive care for more than a week but is now back home doing very well. **Jim Mitchell, '76**, says "it was the old AMA spirit that kept him going."

#### 1982

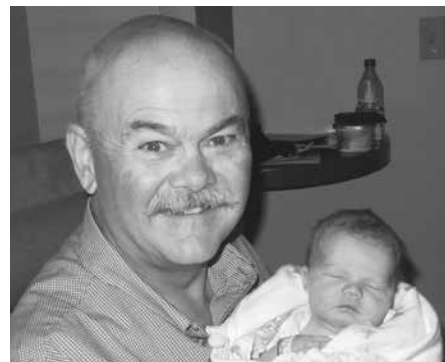
**Bentley Day** has gone missing. He was living at 1115 Rockley Road in Knoxville, Tennessee but we have lost him. Anyone have a current snail or e-mail address for Bentley?



**GREAT CROP** - Museum Volunteer Joyce (Mrs. Ben, '60) Zinkhan had some beauties in her tomato crop this year. She devotes so much time to AMA and still has time to garden, cook and be a wonderful mother and grandmother!



**Bob Walker, '75**, announced on 31 August that he had lost 100 pounds since April of last year. Way to go, Bob. Long life to you. After a five month medical leave to fight cancer, he was cleared to return to work in mid-September. And here he is on the front porch of the Museum!



**THE LOVE OF THEIR LIVES!** - Rick Smail, '67, says after 41 years of marriage to Mary Ann, they now have a new love in their lives: the first grandchild. Sawyer Kate Smail arrived 17 July. Her parents: Zach and Jenn who live in Houston. Zach is a SkyWest captain.



## *Report on the 31 October-1 November meetings in Staunton*

The Boards of the AMA Alumni Foundation and AMA Alumni Association met at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton on Friday 31 October, then there was a membership workshop on Saturday 1 November.

The Stonewall Jackson was chosen as the site in response to some feedback from alumni who would like to assess the facility and consider changing the site of our reunions.

The weather hinted at the winter to come but the colors of the foliage were beautiful. The accommodations and climate did not distract us from the serious purpose of the Board meetings or the Saturday workshop.

Sadly, in spite of more than six months advance notice of these meetings in *The Bayonet*, on the AMA website and in the museum on line newsletter the participants were mainly board members. A special thank you to **Garry Granger**,

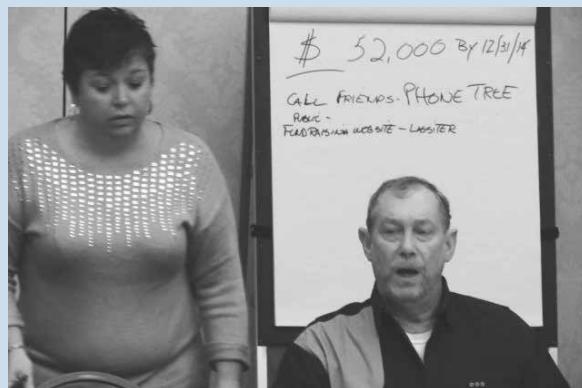
**`71, Bud Oakey, `70, Tommy Mitchell, `52, Scott Travers, `70, Jorge Roviroso, `70, and Rod**

**Wiley, `51**, for taking the time to attend the Saturday workshop. Garry came from Texas and Jorge from Florida – true sons of AMA!

I received only two e-mails from alumni who could not attend but had ideas of how to improve our financial picture, and those ideas were discussed. A conference call line was also available for those who could not attend the meetings. No one called in on Friday. On Saturday, **Richard Lassiter, `66, Jim Bewley, `66, and Susan Lambert Yates**, a Stuart Hall graduate, called in to share their ideas. I really hoped that more alumni would participate.



Nevertheless, those in attendance did participate and they witnessed a renewed effort to focus our energies and at the same time develop contingency plans. The Finance Committee was tasked with reviewing our current investment strategies and making recommendations for any changes that might benefit us. A new strategic plan was discussed and goals and objectives are being reviewed and modified.



We remain committed to the accreditation of our museum which is progressing apace. With an accredited museum, we are in a much better position to receive grants although it is important to note that any grants we get may not have an effect on our budget and will not help us defray operating costs.

As you might guess, fundraising remains a constant priority. If you have made short term or long range pledges through the Future is Now, the Chairman's Roundtable, or any other such programs, please pay these pledges as soon as you can. Certainly, before the end of the year!



**Scott Travers, '70, presented a plan to have a barbecue for the Saturday reunion lunch with only a possible \$25 per head cost for reunion goers.**



If you have not made a pledge, make one now. As soon as you finish reading this issue of *The Bayonet*, write a BIG check to the AMA Alumni Foundation.

The end of the tax year is looming and your contribution will be tax deductible for the 2014 tax year on both your State and Federal returns!

The next Board and General Membership meetings will be held during Reunion 2015 on Saturday 18 April. These meetings are tentatively scheduled before the Founder's Day ceremony which will honor our 53

alumni who were killed in World War Two.

Please plan to attend next year's reunion and these meetings.

I remain open to your ideas and comments.



Ad Astra Per Aspera and Happy Holidays!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Blaine Clarke".

**Blaine Clarke, '72**  
Chairman  
AMA Alumni Foundation

# Tentative Schedule, 2015 Augusta Military Academy Reunion

## THURSDAY 16 APRIL

10:00 AM . . . Alumni House/Museum open

12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM . . . . . Registration  
PX open, Silent Auction begins  
Tower of Power sales begin  
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM Refreshments served  
Sodas, ice, cookies, pretzels, chips  
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

5:00 PM . . . . . **Opening reception**  
The **CLUB AT IRONWOOD**  
(formerly the STAUNTON Country Club)

7:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight . Hospitality hours  
PX open, Silent Auction, Tower of Power  
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

## FRIDAY 17 APRIL

7:30 AM - 5:30 PM . . . . . Registration  
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

7:30 - 11:00 AM . . . . . Coffee service  
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

8:00 - 8:30 AM . . . . . **Golfers** depart for  
**Waynesboro Country Club** (tentative)

9:00 AM . . . . . PX open, Silent Auction,  
Tower of Power, Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

9:00 AM . . . **AMA Open Golf Tournament**  
Waynesboro Country Club (tentative)  
Contact: **Paul Poluito** - cpp2q@virginia.edu

9:00 AM **Motor Coach tour to Appomattox**  
. . . . . Luncheon included  
Refreshments on return trip to Staunton  
*Meet in front of the Holiday Inn*  
Hosted by **Bev and Frank Williamson, '60**

12:00 Noon - 5:30 PM . . . . . Refreshments  
Reunion Plaza, Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . . . Museum open

4:00 PM . . . . . PX closes

4:30 PM . . . . . Motor coach tour returns

5:00 PM Registration open, Reunion Plaza

5:30 - 6:30 PM . . . . . **Open Bar**, Ballroom  
Holiday Inn

6:30 PM . . . . . **Dinner is served**  
Holiday Inn Ballrooms

8:30 PM . . . . . **Depart for SMA dance**  
Clock Tower Building  
Beverly Street, Staunton

8:30 PM . PX, Silent Auction, Tower of Power  
Reunion Plaza, Cash bar, Holiday Inn

12:00 Midnight . . . . . Hospitality hours end  
Reunion Plaza closes



## SATURDAY 18 APRIL

*Attire all day: Casual*

All day . . . . . **Confederate Encampment**  
in front of Big Barracks

All day . . . . . **Tower of Power**  
50/50 opportunities

9:00 AM . **AMA Alumni Association Board**  
*All alumni invited to all meetings*  
General Membership Meeting

10:00 AM . . **Alumni Foundation Trustees**  
including financial report  
from **Steve Traylor, '72**

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . AMA Museum open

11:00 AM . . . . **Founder's Day** ceremonies  
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery  
Master of Ceremonies: **Edwin Click, '50**

**Virginia Military Institute Color Guard**  
**Confederate reenactors** Honor Guard

Alumni who have passed on since  
Reunion 2014 will be remembered

World War Two KIAs remembered

Taps by VMI bugler

12:00 Noon . . . Soupy sounds, **VMI bugler**

12:15 PM . . . . . **Lunch**, AMA Gymnasium  
Master of Ceremonies: **Steve Trent, '70**

Presentation of the Colors:  
Virginia Military Institute Color Guard

Remembering **Roller Society** members  
**Chris Meek, '84**

Induction into **AMA Sports Hall of Fame**  
**Rick Smail, '67**

**AMA Open Golf Trophy** presented  
**Paul Poluito, '73**

*Please visit the Confederate encampment  
in front of Big Barracks*

2:00 PM . . . . . **Sporting Clay Shoot**  
Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg  
Contact: **Blaine Clarke, '72** at:  
Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net

4:00 PM . . . Refreshments, Reunion Plaza

6:00 PM . Open Bar, Holiday Inn Ballrooms

7:00 PM . . . . . **Annual Awards Banquet**  
(*Business attire*) Holiday Inn Ballrooms

Results of Annual Sporting Clay Shoot  
**Blaine Clarke, '72**

Awarding **AMA Legacy Scholarships**  
**Phil Bentley, '83**

Awarding **AMA Alumni Medals**  
**Blaine Clarke, '72**

Special Awards (if any)

**Honor Classes** recognized

Second **Tower of Power** drawing

**50/50** drawing

8:30 PM . . . . . **Silent Auction closes**

9:00 PM . Silent Auction winners announced

12:00 Midnight . . . . . Hospitality hours end

Reunion Plaza closes

## SUNDAY 19 APRIL

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . . . Museum open

11:00 AM . . . . . Sunday service,  
**Augusta Stone Church**

12:00 Noon . . . . . **Roller Riders** depart  
from front of Big Barracks



## "Countrymen again" is reunion theme

Reunion 2015 will occur just a week after the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Civil War. Recognizing that anniversary, the theme of next year's reunion will be "Countrymen again."

The Friday motor coach tour will visit Appomattox Court House where Confederate General Robert E. Lee and Union General Ulysses S. Grant met on 9 April 1865 to end four years of conflict and begin the process of reunification.

Founder's Day will be held at the Stone Church tomb of AMA's founder, **Professor Charles S. Roller, Senior**. Roller served with J.E.B. Stuart and was injured and captured by Union troops the day before General Lee surrendered. Participation by a cadre of Confederate reenactors will establish the theme throughout the 2015 reunion weekend 17-19 April.

2015 is also the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War Two in 1945. The 53 AMA men who died in that war will be remembered during the Founder's Day program. (See below)



**Bud Oakey, '70, has been appointed by Virginia Governor McAuliffe to the Virginia Aviation Board for a four year term. The Board has jurisdiction over all Virginia airports including Dulles International and Reagan International, both of which are in the Old Dominion. It also allocates funds for the planning and development of airports, advises the Governor on aviation policy and creates regulations relating to aircraft, airports and air safety in the State.**

## AMA invited to SMA dance, SMA to golf and clay shoot

A few decades back, no one would believe it if you said that Staunton Military Academy cadets were inviting Augusta Military Academy cadets to an SMA dance. You would be scratching your head. But the passage of time brings many changes. Neither Cadets Corps has an operating school and both are working to preserve their legacies facing the very same challenges.

By coincidence, SMA and AMA (plus Stuart Hall) are having their reunions on the same April weekend in 2015. The SMA Alumni Association will have a dance at the Clock Tower on Beverly Street in Staunton on Friday night 17 April to which AMA reunion goers are invited.

The annual AMA Golf Open is scheduled for Friday morning at the Waynesboro Country Club and the AMA Sporting Clay Shoot will take place Saturday afternoon 18 April at the Flying Rabbit in Harrisonburg. SMA alumni are being invited to take part in both activities.

Full details will be in the next issue. Watch the sky for flying pigs!

With SMA, Stuart Hall and AMA having their reunions on the same weekend, hotel rooms will be quickly filled and if you plan a meal away from the reunion, you should make reservations early.

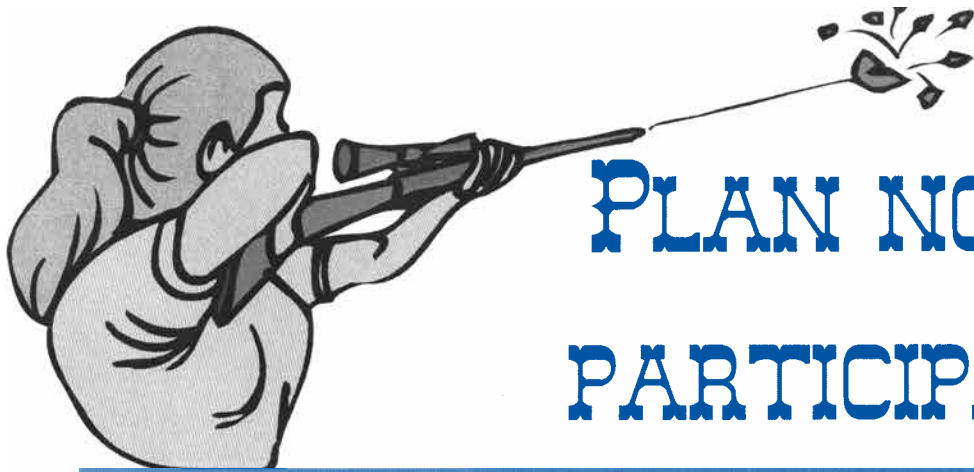
## Founder's Day will honor the 53 AMA men killed in the Second World War

On the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War Two, the 53 AMA alumni who died in that war will be remembered at Founder's Day ceremonies on Saturday 18 April in the Augusta Stone Church Cemetery.

**Edwin Click, '50**, will read the names of the KIAs as a part of the ceremony which will also honor AMA's Founder **Professor Charles S. Roller, Sr.** and his sons **Colonel Tom Roller** and **General Charles Roller, Jr.**

The sacrifice of AMA alumni in World War Two is likely unequalled. Fifty three AMA men died while the Class of 1942 had only 42 seniors. That per capita sacrifice is likely unmatched by any other military prep school.

The vast majority of AMA men who fell were either first or second lieutenants. Many were commissioned by reason of their ROTC training at Augusta. The highest ranking AMA man to be killed and the highest ranking 1<sup>st</sup> Division soldier was **LTC Hubert Mathews, '27**, killed on D-Day.



PLAN NOW TO  
PARTICIPATE IN  
**THE 2015  
SPORTING CLAY SHOOT**  
SATURDAY 18 APRIL AT  
**THE FLYING RABBIT  
IN HARRISONBURG**

THE SHOOT STARTS AT 2:30 PM OR  
THEREABOUTS. ALL ARE INVITED TO SHOOT:  
ALUMNI, LADIES, TEENS. AND THIS YEAR WE  
WILL HAVE OUR FRIENDS FROM SMA  
TAKING PART! HOPEFULLY, SOME ALUMNAE  
FROM STUART HALL AS WELL!

CONTACT BLAINE CLARKE, '72 AT:  
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BRING YOUR OWN WEAPON OR WE WILL FURNISH ONE!



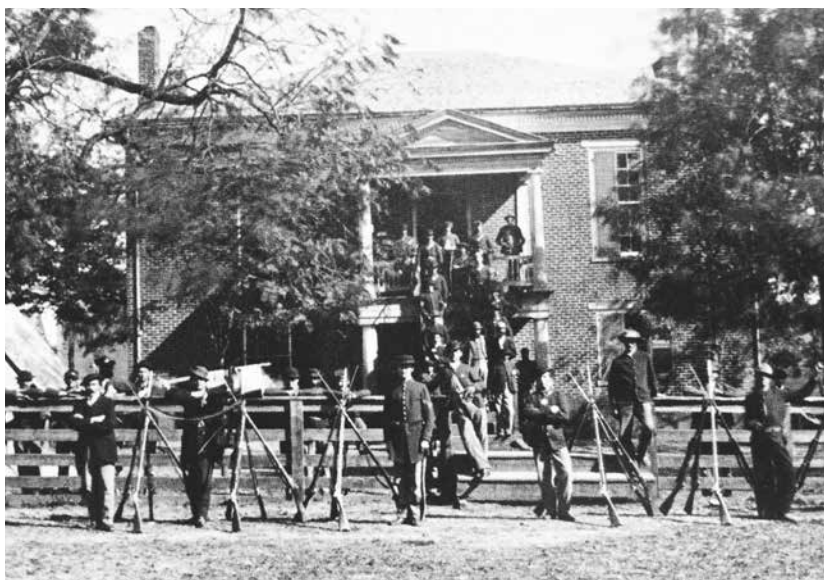


## Professor Roller was there

# Reunion trip to visit place where Civil War ended

After the Civil War Battle of Manassas (Bull Run), Wilbur McLean moved his family away from the hotly contested area just south of Washington to Appomattox Court House in Central Virginia, a place he thought was safe from the war. But it was in his parlor that Generals Grant and Lee met on 9 April 1865 to bring an end to the war. Now, a century and a half later, AMA reunion goers will visit the historic McLean House

Augusta Military Academy has a close tie to this event. The day before Generals Lee and Grant met, **Charles S. Roller, Sr.**, a soldier in General J.E.B. Stuart's Confederate Cavalry, was wounded and captured near Appomattox, but he would be a prisoner of war for only a single day. The following day, after he had met with Grant, General Lee rode back to his men admonishing them to "Go to your homes and resume your occupations. Obey the laws and become as good citizens as you were soldiers." Professor Roller did just that as he began tutoring Confederate veterans just four months after the war ended, the beginnings of what we came to know as AMA.



**THE McLEAN HOUSE at Appomattox Court House where the Civil War ended 9 April 1865, 150 years ago this coming April.**



**AN HISTORICALLY INACCURATE painting of the meeting between Generals Grant and Lee. If fact, they sat at separate tables while the discussions took place.**

On Friday during Reunion 2015, a group of AMA alumni and their families will travel to Appomattox to visit this famous place just eight days after the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the surrender. Once again, the arrangements are being made by **Bev and Frank Williamson, '60**. Thank you one more time, Williamsons!

A luxury motor coach will leave the Holiday Inn, the reunion headquarters hotel, at 8 AM Friday 17 April and riders will enjoy a National Park Service presentation about the events leading up to Appomattox on the trip there. Arriving at the Appomattox National Battlefield Park, an NPS ranger will lead a tour of the fought over ground.

The group will then visit McLean House and tour the interior including the room where the surrender documents were signed. After a visit to the Clover Tavern, there will be a fantastic luncheon buffet at Babcock House (1887), rated by the *Washington Post* as one of the area's best B&Bs. The tour fee includes this unforgettable luncheon.

Following lunch, the group will visit General Lee's last headquarters and hear "the old apple tree" story.

A visit to the new, highly acclaimed Museum of the Confederacy will conclude a fascinating encounter with history where it happened.

On the way back from Appomattox to Fort Defiance, complimentary wine, beer and soft drinks will be available. The group will be back at the Holiday Inn by 4:45 PM in plenty of time to refresh before the evening activities commence.

Says Frank, "This promises to be one of the most popular tours we have even had at reunion time if the interest expressed so far is any indication of how many will want to participate. We have reserved a 55 passenger luxury motor coach and have been able to negotiate an amazing price for the entire tour, including lunch and other refreshments: **Only \$45.95 per person!**"

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# PORCH SITTING

By Fred Evans, '60

"Porch sitting" is a term a few AMA alumni and alumnae of Stuart Hall coined after we had a awesome weekend volunteering at the AMA Museum. We had so much fun, we decided to make it an annual event. So, what is it?

It started when **Jim Bewley, '66**, and I met on the AMA Facebook Group and started communicating with each other. Jim had been in touch with **Harry Campbell, '70**, and so we decided we would like to get together and share our reminiscences and become better friends. The AMA Museum seemed the best place to meet since it was centrally located and was where we had our AMA experiences.

We picked a weekend when **Victor Gomez, '69**, was volunteering at the museum. Harry knew **Susan Lambert Yates, Stuart Hall, '73**, from his days at Augusta and since she is an active member of the AMA Facebook page and attends some AMA reunion events, we told her we were coming to Fort Defiance. SLY (to save space and use the moniker she prefers) is very active at Stuart Hall and is a strong supporter of both schools. She agreed to come up from Georgia to help us remember and volunteered to "rescue" the wives if they got too bored with our stories.

As it turned out, only my wife came and she and SLY got along famously. SLY and Michele toured Stuart Hall, Mary Baldwin and Staunton where they checked out the shops and sampled some pretty neat restaurants. SLY introduced us to eateries we would never have found on our own.

There is not enough space to describe fully the experience we cadets from different eras had. It was as if we had been classmates. We laughed and cried discussing the same teachers, pranks and myriad other things that were part of our AMA experience. The difference in years evaporated as we talked and laughed. Maybe age makes us curmudgeons but to a man we agreed how AMA molded our lives for the better and prepared us for our lives ahead.

Now and then, the conversation would cease as each of us quietly looked at Big Barracks lost in our own thoughts about good times past and good friends lost. For each of us it was a chance to relive those great years of our youth.

I would encourage each of you to get together with a couple of classmates and volunteer for a weekend at the Museum. Whether or not you can attend a reunion, you can enjoy some quiet time at the old school. What would be even better would be to take your wives and make it a mini-vacation for the weekend. There is plenty to do in Staunton and SLY might be able to find some Stuart Hall alumnae to come by and share your museum experience.

Besides escorting visitors, volunteering has other rewards! We took turns showing visitors around. I escorted one group expecting the usual questions about the school



**PORCH SITTING - With Big Barracks in the background, clockwise from bottom left, Michele Evans, Jim Bewley, Harry Campbell, "SLY" and Fred Evans. Photo by Victor Gomez who was volunteering at the Museum that weekend.**

and what it was like to be an AMA cadet. This group consisted of three middle aged siblings of a deceased alumnus and they had come to see where their father went to school. I started to tell them about AMA and *they* began relating stories that their Dad had told them about AMA. You guessed it: the stories were identical to the stories we porch sitters had been relating. How that long gone AMA cadet must have loved our school! His children were delighted to see mementos of their Dad's school.

You can volunteer at the Museum by calling **Ben Zinkhan, '60**, or **Crysta Stephenson** at 540/248-3007 to find out which weekends are open. Get a couple of AMA buddies, find an agreeable date and have a "porch sit" of your own!

I promise it will be an experience you will not forget.

## VOLUNTEER! AND CUT YOUR REUNION REGISTRATION FEE DRAMATICALLY!

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**We very much need volunteers at the museum, particularly on weekends.**

**If you live within a two hour drive to Fort Defiance, can't you give us a weekend day???**

# MEMBERS OF THE AMA SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Augusta Military Academy Sports Hall of Fame came into existence in 2008 with the first Hall members inducted at the 2008 reunion. Listed herewith are all the Hall members to date with the years of their inductions.

**1950-51 basketball team - Players** Bob Camel, Vince Cialini, Vic Bruno, Harry Tull, Ben Angle, Paul Sposito, Al Boynton, Don Thomas, Bob Beaver, John Collins and Art Scrivenor. **Managers** Mike Maynard and Bill Firebaugh. (2014)



**1969-70 basketball team - Players** Ray Stauffer, Dan Caldarelli, Jerry Collincini, Jim Groate, Baxter Hayes, Fred Lapish, Ray Snapp, Wayne McGowan, Dan Rapp, and Doug McMullen. **Managers** Scott Travers and Cesar Prieto. (2010)

**Andre Allen, `76** - basketball (2008)

**Harold "Bud" Allison, `60** - football (2010)

**Ben Angle, `51** - track, lacrosse (2008)

**Manuel Balbis, `53** - wrestling (2011)

**John Bell, `54** - swimming (2008)

**Bobby Bowie, `47** - football, baseball, fencing (2013)

**Wayne Blaylock, `62** - football, basketball, track (2009)

**Earl Cabaniss, `43** - baseball, basketball, football, boxing (2010)

**Doug Carter, `72** - football, basketball (2013)

**Hanley Carter, `65** - football (2009)

**Jerry Claiborne** - football and basketball coach, National College Football Coach of the Year (2011)

**Ernest Click, `48** - swimming (2008)

**Tom DelValle, `73** - rifle (2010)

**Bill Deuber, `49** - football (2008)

**Warren Fleming, `72** - football, basketball (2011)

**Nick Forkovitch, `41** - football (2009)

**John "Jay" Fox, `53** - swimming (2008)

**Bob Gorgrant, `63** - basketball (2008)

**Morris Guerrant, `42** - boxing (2008)

**Dean Hanson, `63** - rifle (2008)

**Ken Hoke, `54** - football (2014)

**Colonel Paul Hoover** - coach of many AMA sports teams (2008)

**Bill Hummer, `71** - rifle (2008)

**Jerry Izenberg, `48** - sports writer (2008)

**Don Johns, `49** - football, baseball, swimming, track (2009)

**M/Sergeant Joe Josephson** - basketball, football coach (2009)

**Pete Lampman, `65** - basketball (2008)

**Mal Livick, Jr., `75** - basketball (2010)

**Ray Marcantoni, `70** - football, lacrosse, wrestling (2014)

**Dick Nolan, `50** - football, college and NFL coach (2008)

**Bill Parkins, `70** - AMA's number one fan (2010)

**Mike Payne, `76** - rifle (2013)

**Frank Pilley, `51** - tennis (2008)

**Bill Ralph** - football, basketball coach (2011)

**General Charles S. Roller, Jr.** - coach, player and father of AMA athletics (2008)

**Julian Quarles, `35** - boxing (2008)

**Jim Stillwagon, `67** - football, All American at Ohio State, first Lombardi Trophy winner (2008)

**1/Sergeant Don Studer** - rifle coach (2009)

**Dr. Meb Turner, `49** - wrestling, football (2009)

**Burgess Whitehead, `27** - baseball (2008)

**Al Zayas, `72** - lacrosse (2009)



Deadline is 19 December

# Nominations are being sought for the 2015 AMA Sports Hall of Fame

Nominations are now being sought for the 2015 Augusta Military Academy Sports Hall of Fame, the seventh year of the popular program honoring AMA faculty and cadets who have won athletic glory, at AMA and afterwards. The 2015 inductees will be named in the first *Bayonet* of 2015 and inductions will take place during the 2015 reunion during the Saturday 18 April lunch in the Memorial Gymnasium.

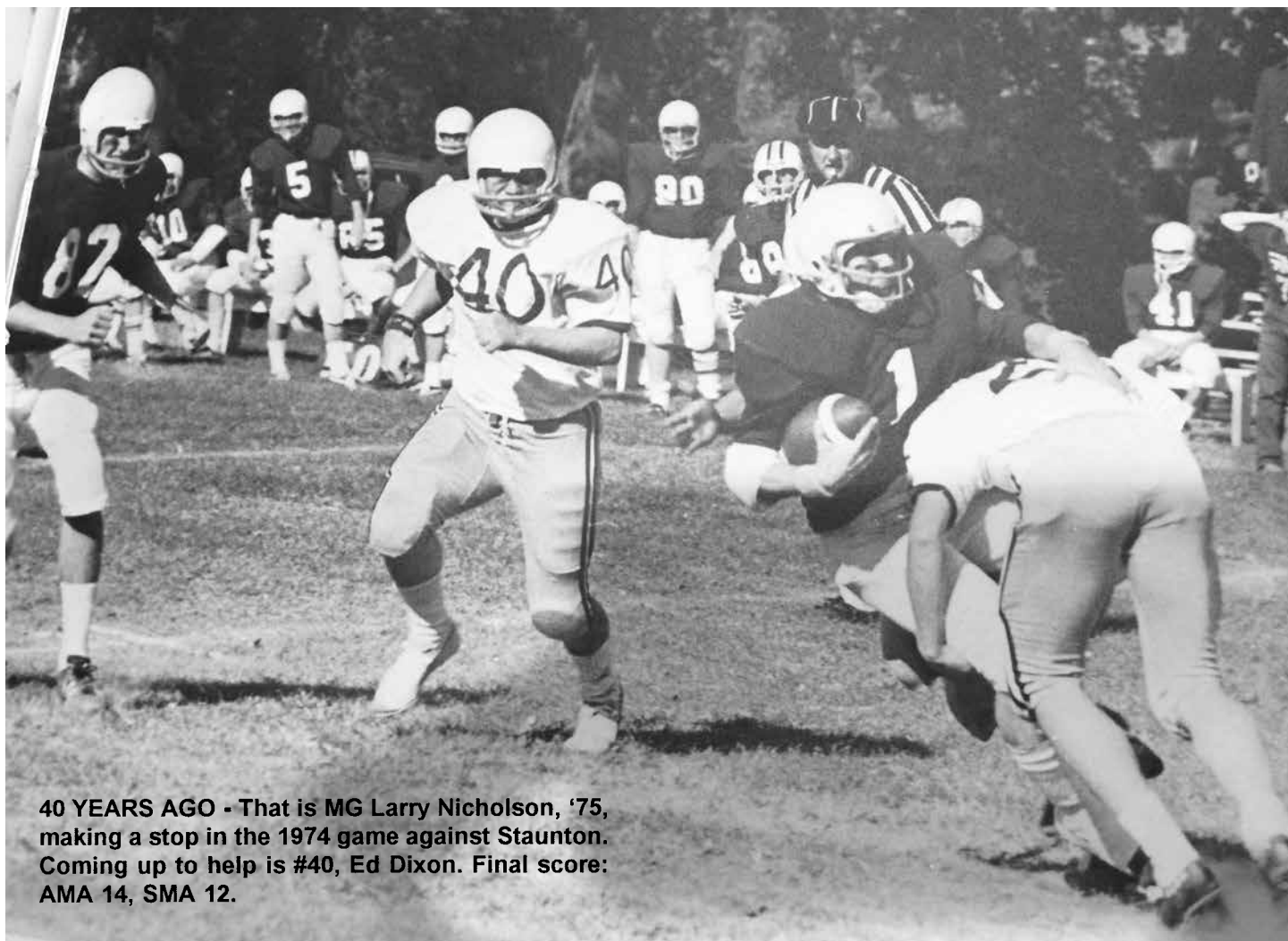
On the facing page is the list of inductees to date and the year that each entered the Hall. The deadline for nominations to the 2015 Hall is **Friday 19 December 2014**. A ten judge panel will make the final selections. Past Famers earned their selection by having performed admirably at AMA as a player or a coach. Others achieved fame in college or in the professional sports or in sports journalism. Think about who should be added to the Hall of Fame next year!



The judges are Phil Bentley, '83, Doug Carter, '72, Ed Click, '50, Colonel Mal Livick, Sergeant Don Studer, Nicky Syropoulos, '69, Roger Messick, '52, Brett Thompson, '75, Frank Williamson, '60, and Blaine Clarke, '72.

Send your nominations to:  
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**NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2014 TO GIVE THE JUDGES TIME TO MAKE THEIR DECISIONS BEFORE THE FIRST 2015 BAYONET COMES OUT.**




**40 YEARS AGO - That is MG Larry Nicholson, '75, making a stop in the 1974 game against Staunton. Coming up to help is #40, Ed Dixon. Final score: AMA 14, SMA 12.**



# Reunion 2014







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To receive a scholarship application, go on line to [AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net](mailto:AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net) or write AMA Alumni House, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437. Phone 540/248-3007  
**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED  
BY 14 MARCH 2015**



# Labor Day bike ride

By Rick Smail, '67

Several of the Roller Riders enjoyed Labor Day weekend together in what turned out to be a time of backroads, seafood tasting and strengthening bonds.

First, I would like to report that **Mac McWilliams, '77, (Muffy)** shared with us his excellent response to chemo and radiation treatments. It was uplifting to see how strong he is! I was concerned that he was keeping a stiff upper lip about his condition but to my relief he looked really good and had an even better attitude.

We rendezvoused in Cambridge, MD: Muffy and Mrs. Muffy, **Mike Nolan, '67, Brett Thompson, '75, Bruce Orenstein, '69, Gordon Metz, '68,** and me.



Muffy led us on backroads to the "Suicide Bridge," above, where we ate lunch at – The Suicide Bridge Restaurant. For the rest of Saturday and Sunday, I cannot begin to explain where Muffy led us. All that I can tell you is that we spent the time on roads I would never have thought would exist in terrain such as that on the Eastern Shore. The beauty of the roads, countryside and farms was totally unexpected. Additionally, we had the opportunity to ride on four or five different ferries along the way...fun!

Monday morning we had breakfast in Salisbury, then rode up to Easton. When we got there, we hugged and those riding across the Bay Bridge broke off from the Salisbury contingent.

It was a memorable weekend. We had a motorcycle ride which was better than expected but the best part was the bonds of brotherhood strengthened beyond anything that we had hoped for.

We are so grateful for Mac's recovery and look forward to his leading us on another adventure in the not too distant future.



**VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS** - Gathered on the steps of the AMA Alumni House/Museum, front, l. to r., Jim Bewley, '66, Susan Yates, Stuart Hall, Victor Gomez, '69. Rear, Michele and Fred Evans, '60, Ben Zinkhan, '60, and Harry Campbell, '70.



**TERRY McGURR, '64, stops by the Museum every year on his way to Pompano Beach. Each time he is in a different car. We are always glad to see him and see what he is driving!**



**VOLUNTEERS - Sue and Brian Hart, '66, volunteered at the Museum for two August days. They had a grand time and recommend the experience to other alumni! They live in Walkersville, MD.**



**VISITORS - Anne and Luke Snyder, '60, left, visited Diane and Alex Wattay, '53, in Hilton Head where they saw the impressive Veterans Monument and enjoyed a pleasant dinner together. The Snyders live in Charlotte.**

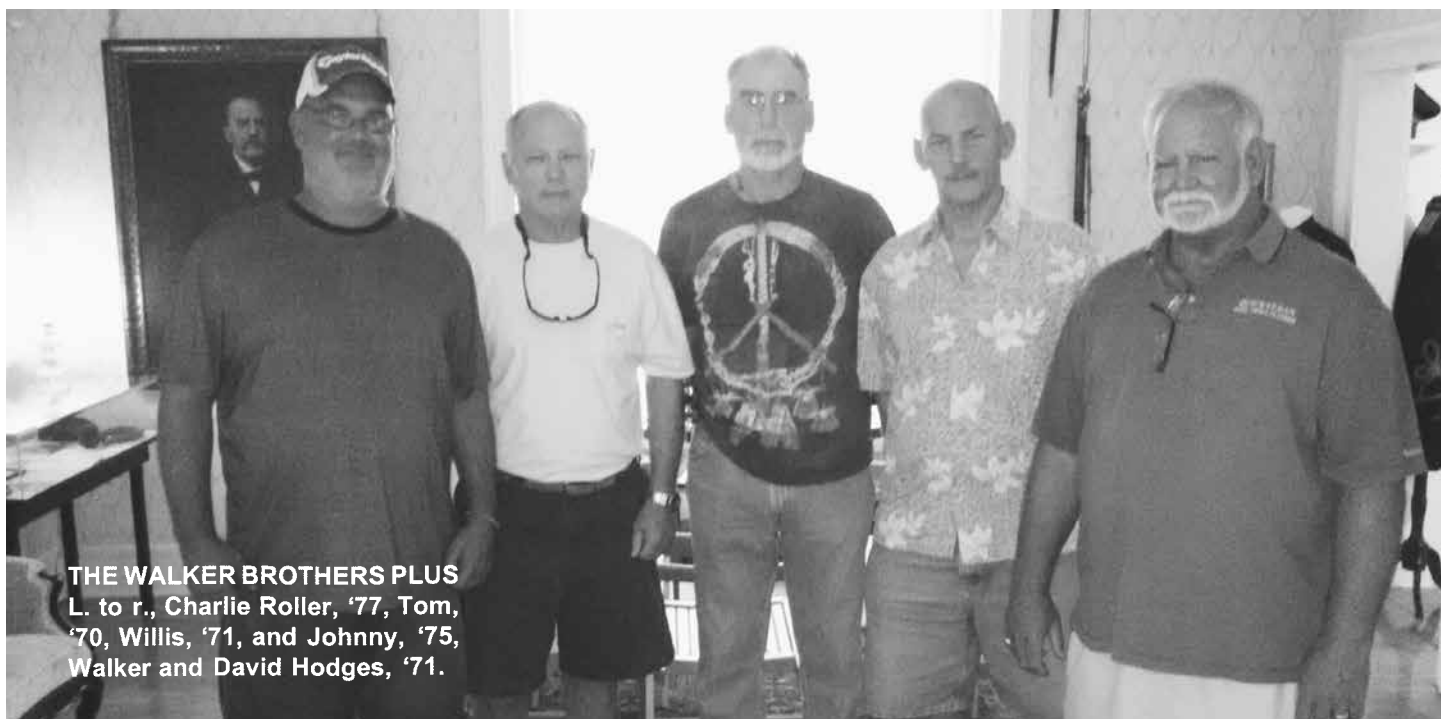
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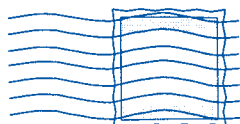
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**THE WALKER BROTHERS PLUS**  
L. to r., Charlie Roller, '77, Tom, '70, Willis, '71, and Johnny, '75, Walker and David Hodges, '71.



## Letters to the Editor



### Sergeants Studer, Josephson and Barger

Reflecting on my time at AMA, I had tears in my eyes as I read in *The Bayonet* that **Kirk Pope, '76**, had died. Kirk and I served in the Army, never side by side, but we stayed in touch even while we served on different continents. There are many reputable soldiers from generals down the ranks but I want to mention three mentors who inspired Kirk, me and others to serve.

These were the soldiers who taught ROTC at AMA – **Sergeants Studer, Josephson and Barger**, all proud Americans and Vietnam vets. I will never forget a story they told about eating a warm meal in the jungles of Nam. Kirk and I were so impressed at how such a seemingly simple thing could have been so very important to them. At a later date, Kirk and I had the same experience and understood. As I ate fresh turkey from a metal mess kit with an M60 as my table, I imagine Kirk eating his in a HALO<sup>1</sup> on the way to the ground!

Yes, we were inspired by **Roller, Savedge, Livick and Hoover**, but the most inspirational men in my life were Studer, Josephson and Barger. True Americans who believed in their country and did what they could to reaffirm the spirit of this great country. The hour a day we had with these soldiers at AMA made us who we are.

I know that Kirk would have preferred to die on a battlefield but as far as I am concerned, I think that he did.  
**Ed Long, '77**  
**edlong3243@gmail.com**  
**Huntersville, NC**

### Tribute to Ben Zinkhan, '60

Ben, we thank you for the friendship and kindness you shared with Loretta and me. We love the AMA Museum and your great newsletter shows a great camaraderie of all your alumni.

We were so glad to hear that we "made your day" when we stopped by Fort Defiance to give you Legion and Cooks coins. Thank you in return for the AMA Coin which will go in a special place with my other coins and Navy memorabilia.

You have a unique willingness to share your knowledge of AMA about the long gray line of boys who were transformed into men at AMA and who sacrificed so much for our country in war and peace.

**Pete and Loretta Martin**  
**Roanoke, VA**

*Neither Pete nor any of his family attended AMA. He and Loretta were pulled in by the signs on I-81 and now they stop by AMA whenever they travel our way.*

### Bud LaFollette, '50, recalls

I read in the last *Bayonet* that my neighbor, **Lewis Whiting, '58**, had died. He had just finished building the most beautiful home at the Greenbrier Resort the month before he passed away. Though we were eight years apart at AMA I admired him. And **Jim Worth, '45**, is a neighbor here in Florida.

We are happy to see that you are working on an oral history of AMA. We are in Sarasota each year until June so we always miss your April reunion.

Our son, **Latelle IV, '76**, has also bought a house in Sarasota and they will be here each winter and will spend the rest of the year back home in Charleston, WV.

I am enclosing a \$500 contribution to the Foundation.

**Latelle LaFollette, III, '50**  
**Sarasota, FL**

### Gratitude for AMA Legacy Scholarship

I want to thank all AMA alumni for awarding me an AMA Legacy Scholarship which is permitting me to attend George Mason University.

Your financial help allowed me to enter the university this fall and I will do my very best to live up to your high standards. I am adjusting well to GMU with classes in criminology, psychology and general education, all in preparation for my becoming an attorney.

It was an honor to receive this scholarship award.

**Alyssa Goff**  
**granddaughter of Joyce and Ben Zinkhan, '60**

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We need your help to be certain that the 2015 Silent Auction at the reunion is a big success! This means that you NOW need to start looking for things that would be a treasure to someone else. This year, we had things such as coffee table books, model train equipment, a statuette of General Lee, stays at second homes and vacation properties, tool sets, and so on. Do you have some airline miles you can donate? Or a stay at a vacation condo?

In 2014, nearly all of the Silent Auction items came from Alumni Association Board members or Foundation trustees. Where are the rest of you? We need you to step up and offer something that will be a treasure to someone else.

Someone with money at the 2015 reunion!



**VOLUNTEERS** - Alice and Fred Womer, 58, came down from Baltimore to spend the weekend hosting at the museum. You can tell how happy that made a regular volunteer, Ben Zinkhan, '60! We need you, folks!

Thanks to **Nick Syropoulos, '69**, and **Mark Femrite, '72**, for having these Confederate reenactors perform at our 2014 reunion: **Captain Bruce Houle, Sergeant Waverly Adcock, "Griz" Davis, James Brown, Paul Dixon and Josh Drega.** See you next year!

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## Former NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle

# Jerry Izenberg, '48, writes yet another book

With a view of the lights of Las Vegas at night and a marvelous view of 10,000 foot mountain peaks by day, **Jerry Izenberg, '48**, has been writing his latest book in his home office, this volume a paean to the "life and times of the architect of the modern National Football League," the late **Alvin Ray "Pete" Rozelle**.

Simply titled *Rozelle*, Jerry tells how the NFL had only twelve teams playing to half empty stadia when Rozelle became commissioner in 1960. He brought every NFL game to television and introduced revenue and TV profit sharing to support the small markets. Rozelle introduced Monday night football and in the '60s the Super Bowl. Incidentally Jerry has attended every Super Bowl since and when he goes to Super Bowl XLIX in 2015, Jerry will be one of just two sports writers to have attended them all.

The 283 page biography is an easy read with a number of fascinating and memorable photos. For all of his abilities, Rozelle was tested by several court cases involving antitrust charges, battles with Al Davis, drug scandals, two player strikes and the middle of the night move of the Baltimore Colts to Indianapolis. Over time, these negatives wore down the effervescent Pete. But all the negatives aside, Izenberg says, *"Pete revolutionized the culture of sports in America and is responsible for turning the NFL into the preeminent sports league in the world."*

Jerry, a sports columnist emeritus<sup>1</sup> for the Newark *Star-Ledger*, won the Red Smith Award from the Associated Press Sports Editors and was inducted into the Sportswriters Hall of Fame in 2000. A four time Pulitzer nominee, he entered the first class in the AMA Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. He has written more than a dozen books, produced and/or directed some 30 sports documentaries and has been a regular ESPN contributor.

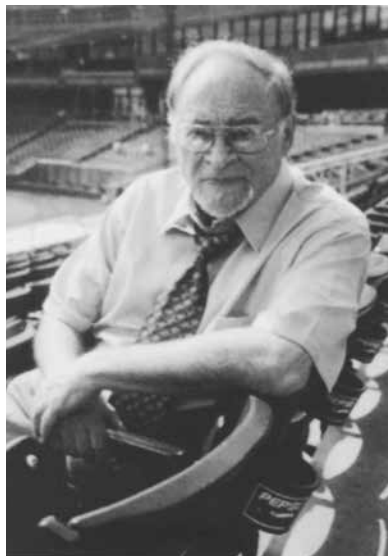
At Augusta, he played in the Band and the School Orchestra. His senior class prophesy saw him leading a dance band one day but **Colonel Glenn Koogler**, Jerry's

AMA English teacher, had turned him toward literature. *"He introduced me to Shakespeare, Sandburg, Hemingway and Faulkner. He taught without opening a book and while I didn't fully appreciate it at the time he made a major difference in the quality and direction of my life. I can never thank him enough."*

Jerry Izenberg's *Rozelle* is now on display at the AMA Museum and the book is on sale at Amazon and in book stores. The book is being printed by the University of Nebraska Press.



From the 1948 Recall



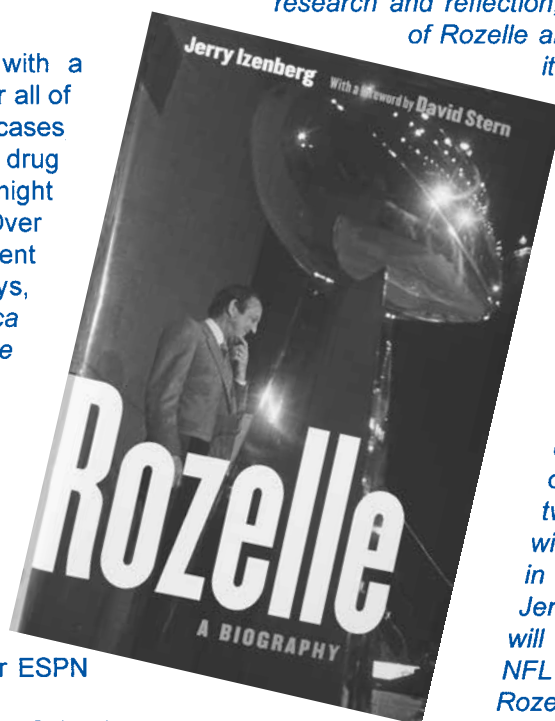
Jerry Izenberg

**Reviews:** Jerry Izenberg was an astute observer of the NFL's extraordinary growth during the Pete Rozelle era. His coverage was down to earth, his sources were in the know, and he often challenged conventional wisdom. Now, with the benefit of research and reflection, Izenberg's assessment of Rozelle and key League personalities is as hard-hitting as one might expect. Izenberg's views are briskly rendered, are sometimes humorous but never ambiguous.

Paul Tagliabue,  
former NFL  
Commissioner

I covered Pete Rozelle during the last six years of his reign and sat for two extended interviews with him. But I was a piker in Rozelle-ology until I saw Jerry Izenberg's book... You will know not only why the NFL got gargantuan but why Rozelle is the single biggest reason why it got so big.

Peter King, Sports Illustrated



When you volunteer at the AMA Museum, the IRS will let you deduct 14 cents a mile for any travel related to the Museum!

<sup>1</sup> Jerry describes a sports columnist emeritus as "an old fart"

# AMA was the reason I lived through Nam

By Rich Cunnare, '65

When I showed up in Vietnam with the 45<sup>th</sup> Med Company, I was assigned to Major Luce's platoon. It worked out great. What made the meeting so strange is that he wanted men who would heal, then go back and fight. The day before, he had been shot down on a hoist mission and had survived because his crew fought off the VC all night. I told Major Luce I would do the same.



Cunnare

When I first interviewed with him, he asked about my background and I told him I had gone to AMA. He quickly informed me that he had been aide to **General George Marshall** and that Marshall had roomed with **General Roller** at VMI. I told the major that we had heard about that at AMA. Luce installed me as a crew chief, told me he expected big things of me, and we never looked back.

Major Luce thought that AMA was a special place and he expected special things from me.

God, I was so scared. Here Major Luce had been shot down on his first mission in country and it's hard to work for a magnet ass. Out of 20 men who started out in our unit, we lost nine killed and nearly everyone wounded in one way or another. Those of us who survived communicate on a regular basis and have a deep love for each other.

What AMA did for me was to define who I was and how I lived my life. If you remember, General Roller served in World War One evacuating the wounded from the battlefields of that God forsaken war. I did the same thing in Nam. Augusta is the only reason I lived. An absolute fact!

# Craig Lewis, '67, Sergeant Mines meet

By Stephen Craig Lewis, '67

This is the story of my first day in Vietnam. Arriving at Cam Ranh Bay around 10 AM on 5 June 1970, my buddy Roberson and I were walking through the airport looking for the gate where a plane waited to take us to Tuy Hoa AFB. We were avionics techs assigned to a special operations unit flying the AC-119 Stinger/Shadow 18<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> SOS.

Making our second pass through the chaos, we heard a voice calling, "Airman Lewis, Airman Lewis." Roberson looked at me and said they were calling my name, and I said, "Yeah, that's my name and I recognize the voice!"

It was a voice that everyone in the Class of 1967 had learned to love. I could not believe that halfway around the world on my first day in country I heard a voice that had taught me some things I could actually use in a war zone. Kids all over America would recognize the voice as being one of their favorite cartoon characters.

Does that give you a clue? No? Well, how about the voice of Tennessee Tuxedo? If you don't know who it is by now, then you weren't at AMA when I was. Well, it was **Sergeant First Class Ernest**

**(Ernie) Mines** – military training instructor extraordinaire. He called my name a few more times and then there he was just like Crocodile Dundee coming up behind us and

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Sergeant Mines



Lewis

# Marine Corps Christmas dinner in Nam

By David Shearer, '68

Christmas of 1969 was not "ohh, so fine."

I was in A Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Marines. My MOS was 0311 (rifleman). On the 24<sup>th</sup> of December, my squad was on patrol. By 0900 on Christmas Day, we had returned to the company perimeter after spending the night in the rain on ambush.

In early afternoon, to our great surprise, a chopper appeared and a guy dressed in jungle trousers and a Santa suit started throwing off cases of beer and soda. Then he unveiled a hot meal of exquisite proportions. There was pork, roast beef, ham and all the fixings. We ate like there was no tomorrow and it was wonderful.

Unfortunately, Santa had been travelling a long time before he got to our company. The food had sat on the landing zone (LZ) for several hours in the tropical sun before it got to us. It had spoiled and in a few short hours we had ptomaine poisoning and were firing from both ends simultaneously!

Of some 250 Marines, 200 were sick and the noise was incredible. It is a good thing that Charlie left us alone for the next 24 hours because we were literally defenseless. Most of us spent the time running between our foxhole and the head.

Truly the very most memorable Christmas I have ever had. Semper Fi!



Shearer

**Share your stories about Vietnam with your fellow cadets. Let us hear from you with your favorite - or least favorite - Nam story.**



## MSG Joe Josephson, U.S. Army Special Forces, Green Berets

This is his story:

I enlisted in the Army and went with the First Infantry Division to Germany. I enlisted because, when I was young, the servicemen of World War II were my heroes and I wanted to be one of them.

I joined the Army in 1948, retired in 1969 having spent most of my military career with the Army Special Forces Green Berets. Prior to this, I served with the Fifth Regimental Combat Team in Korea. When I returned from Korea, they were recruiting for Special Forces and I signed up.

Quickly I discovered that the organization and mission were different in the Green Berets from a normal infantry outfit. We were cross-trained in operations, weapons, communications, medical treatments and demolition. I particularly enjoyed working with a small Special Forces team of twelve men.

When I first went in the Army, World War two vets warned me not to get close to anyone. I held that belief when I was in the Fifth Regimental Combat Team in Korea but when I joined Special Forces I found it to be much different. Our team was small and we were operating in such isolated areas. We had to really depend on each other and a special bond was developed naturally.

In Vietnam, I was with SOG (CCN) whose mission was long range reconnaissance into Laos and Cambodia. Seventeen of our Special Forces group were killed on 23 August 1968 in the top secret Command and Control North (CCN) outpost in Da Nang when three North Vietnamese Army (NVA) sapper companies executed a well planned night attack including a daring infiltration of our camp. It was the heaviest loss in the history of Special Forces. I also served in Special Forces camps at Aro, Ha Thanh and Kham Duc. These were in the I Corps area doing border surveillance.

My Special Forces service in Vietnam was quite different from my time in Korea where I spent most of my time above the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel in the Punch Bowl area. The countries had different weather and terrain and the tactics also were different. In Korea, there was a main line of resistance. In Vietnam, there was none. Two entirely different kinds of warfare.

My main memory of 21 years in the military is the bond created among those who were in combat together. Words are inadequate when trying to explain what combat was like to one who has not experienced it.

The memories of Korea and Vietnam have faded over the years, yet you always remember those friends even though you may not have seen them for many years. It is hard to express how you feel. It is a feeling that I believe only soldiers understand.

After I left the Army, I spent ten years at **Augusta Military Academy** as the Senior Army Instructor and head football and basketball coach. After leaving AMA, I spent 13 years at Miller School as Commandant, Athletic Director and football and basketball coach. After I retired From Miller, I did volunteer work with the VMI basketball program and was a regular volunteer at the AMA Museum. I went into coaching because I always enjoyed athletics. The planning, discipline and organization that I had in the Army helped me be a good coach.



**MSG Sivert "Joe" Josephson**

Sergeant Joe had numerous decorations including two Bronze Stars for Valor, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge and 19 other medals and commendations. He and his wife, Jo Jo, had three children of their own and were foster parents to four more. Sergeant Joe passed away suddenly on 26 March 2010. Jo Jo died 10 July 2013 and joined Sergeant Joe at Arlington.

# DON STUDER'S RANDOM RAMBLINGS

## MY EARLY TRAVELS OF 2014

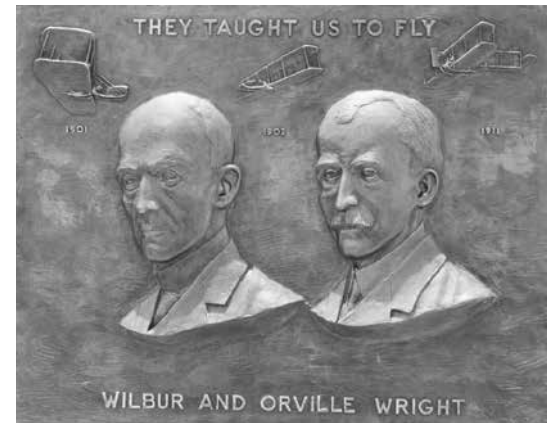


I spent the Winter of 2013-14 at Fort Huachuca, Arizona and while there I learned a lot about the town of Sierra Vista just outside the Main Gate. This town has many activities put on by volunteers including weekend performances by the Arizona Folklore Preserve, founded by Dolan Ellis, the Arizona State Official Balladeer. Arizona has been a State for 102 years and Dolan has had his title for the past 48 years. The Preserve is operated by volunteers who invite Western Music singers, poets and balladeers to perform. Great entertainment with two hour shows on Saturday afternoons and Sundays.

In March of this year, I set out on my annual drive to Fort Defiance for the AMA Reunion. I made a stop in Dallas to visit friends and hurried on to the gathering that no alumnus should miss. It was wonderful to see folks getting together with their uncommon backgrounds and I am happy to be able to share in these reunions.

On the first of May, I left AMA and went south to the North Carolina Coast, my first drive along the Outer Banks with stops at Kitty Hawk and Roanoke Island. I missed Cape Hatteras and that failure will demand another visit to North Carolina.

Traveling as I do mostly on two lane roads allows me to view many scenic areas of this great country. I usually shun the large cities except for Charleston and Savannah, special favorites of mine. Both are historic and are beautifully maintained with an old time charm best seen on bus tours and slow walks.



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The drive across Southern Georgia took us into Alabama and I stayed at Fort Rucker over Memorial Day. In Mississippi, the habit of declaring TBTHTMT was started: The Best Thing That Happened To Me Today. We crossed the Mississippi and stopped at Vadalia, Louisiana on the west side of the river. Visited the Louisiana Military Museum, Scotty's Seafood, Biedenharn (the first Coca Cola bottler) and travelled many picturesque byways.

In Arkansas, there were many used and new book stores which captured our attention while in Oklahoma the variety of visible animals kept me on the alert for what I might see next. Then, I crossed into Texas with a stay at the Hickory Creek COS Campground. I spent a week there and **Garry Granger, '71**, was my tour guide, mentor, chauffeur and always friend. I met Garry's friends, Andy and Sue, who help him manufacture flag poles. We got to shoot with my nephew, Geoff, and had a meal with old friend **Tom DeValle, '73**, who was just recovering from shingles. Among memorable meals:



### THE FREEDMEN'S COLONY OF ROANOKE ISLAND 1862 - 1867

A year after the Civil War began, Roanoke Island fell to Union Forces. Word spread throughout North Carolina that slaves could find "safe haven" on the Island. By the end of 1862, over a thousand runaway slaves, freed men, women and children found sanctuary here. This colony, precursor to the Freedmen's Bureau, was to serve as a model for other colonies throughout the South. Once again this small Island, site of the first English attempt at permanent settlement in the New World, became a land of historic beginnings.

The Freedmen's Colony encompassed unoccupied, unimproved lands from Manteo to the north and west shores, including some of the land today known as Fort Raleigh National Historic Site. A sawmill, hospital, a school with black female teachers and homes were established. Able-bodied men were offered rations and employment to build a new fort. They also enlisted to form the First and Second North Carolina Colored Regiments. The colony could not remain self-supporting without men and became a refuge for three thousand women, children, aged and infirmed.

Upon the war's end, the federal government discontinued rations and supplies to colonists and returned land to original owners. Reminiscent of early English efforts, the Roanoke Island Freedmen's Colony was abandoned by 1867. Many freed people remained, and their descendants would become respected local residents. Others settled in communities throughout the region and would become an integral part of eastern North Carolina culture.

clam cakes by **Rebecca**, Garry's wife, and a BBQ by their son, **Matthew**.

I took a day to drive to San Antonio to visit the Wooden Nickle Museum where I added to my collection. They have one which is thirteen feet in diameter and over a million smaller ones on display.

I spent some time at Fort Sill, Oklahoma before crossing into Kansas. Here was a land of limestone fence posts, signs, buildings and bridges made from this native material. The crafts in Kansas are outstanding and in Victoria the Cathedral of the Plains is worth a visit as is the Great Platte River Road Archway over I-80.





Most folks shun Nebraska but I found it extremely enjoyable. There are some beautiful roads such as the Sandunes Byway and national monuments like Agate Fossil. Here also are some of the Big Rocks along the Oregon Trail including Scotts Bluff, Chimney Rock and Jail Rocks.

I entered Wyoming in July and stayed five days at Warren Air Force Base near Cheyenne, then two nights in Casper before continuing west with stops at Independence Rock, Martin's Cove and Fossil Butte National Monument.

In Idaho, we visited the Oregon/California Pioneer Trail Center at Montpelier. At Soda Springs, there is the only man-made geyser in the world and Pocatelo had the Museum of Clean which changed my life. More about that at another time. We enjoyed Mesa Falls and

our first stop in Montana was Ennis with visits to nearby Virginia City and Nevada City, both ghost towns. Made a stop at Two Medicine Dinosaur Center in Bynum where a skeleton of a Seismosaurus stands 23 feet high and 137 feet long!

In Browning, we met up with **Greg Douglas**, the Pentecostal Minister at AMA, and his wife, Becky. We enjoyed a boat excursion and hike at St. Mary Lake near Glacier National Park. We also took separately a Red Bus tour on "The Road to the Sun."

Took Route Two across northern Idaho in Spokane, Washington before travelling back roads to Snohomish. That is where my sister, Kel, and niece, Tina, live and where I am now. It has been an outstanding six months. I only wish you could have joined me.



## 10 Years Ago

The new signs, pointing the way to the AMA Museum, went up on I-81 and US Route 11.

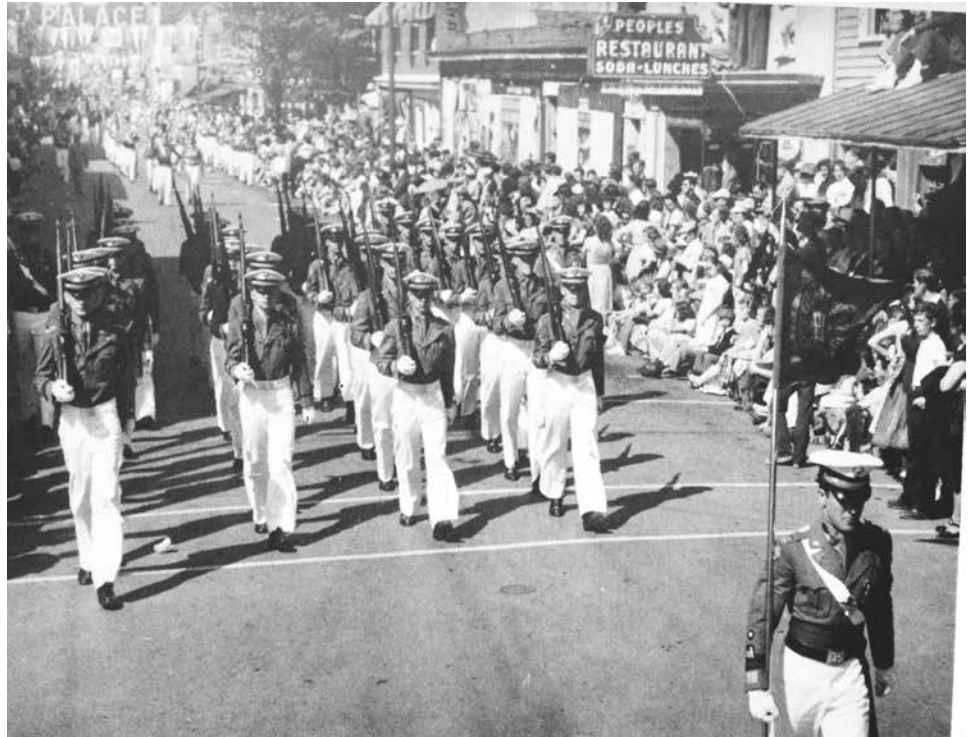
**Tom DelValle, '72**, started recruiting alumni to march in the "new" Roller Rifles at Reunion 2005.

Korean and Vietnam War vets will be honored in an upcoming AMA Museum display.

The AMA Alumni Association Board met in Martinsville.

Battle streamers are being added to the service flags at the Museum.

AMA Webmaster **B.J. d'Orsay, '70**, announced a virtual tour of the AMA Museum on our web site.



**60 YEARS AGO - The Roller Rifles, led by the late Parker Ward, '54, took the First Place Trophy at the 1954 Winchester Apple Blossom Festival. The guidon bearer is Ken Hoke.**

## OOPS

In the last issue, the list of former AMA Alumni Medal winners omitted the name of **Rod Willey, '51**. Sorry, Rod. You know we love you!

**Steve Traylor, '72**, had an incorrect e-mail address listing. His address is: [steve.traylor3@verizon.net](mailto:steve.traylor3@verizon.net).

In Steve's article "Making sense of our dollars," two paragraphs were repeated. Sorry about that but better than leaving them out!

**Lewis and Mines** from page 24 tapping me on the shoulder. He was in his traveling dress uniform and told us that he was on his way out for R&R. He seemed very happy to be in his element. It was the first time I had ever seen him glow and there was a tear in his gleam as he advised us to be careful as never before.

Then, he was on his way. I'll never forget that moment any more than I can forget the guys who were on the Color Guard with me. You fellows helped me grow in ways you would never guess. As a matter of fact, my entire experience at AMA always will be a world class memory in my book. I really can say my days at Augusta have been the best days of my life.



## WORDZ

THE CORRECT ANSWERS TO THESE CLUES ALL HAVE IN COMMON SOMETHING WE HAD OR EXPERIENCED AT AMA!

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- 1) Gene or Car
  - 2) Dental tool
  - 3) Kind of hare
  - 4) Woo
  - 5) Ransack
  - 6) Jumble

Answers on page 31

AMA alumni who gave their lives in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. The AMA Alumni Association President **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, himself a Vietnam veteran, read the names of the AMA KIAs from the two wars.

Relatives of two of our AMA alumni killed in Korea were in attendance: **Victor Rosen**, the brother of **Gloyd Rosen, '51**, who went missing in action 7 October 1952 and whose body was never located, and **Lewis Mundin, '53**, whose cousin **Rahily Rhodes, '47**, was killed 21 July 1953 in the last days of the Korean War.

Augusta alumni who gave their lives in Vietnam were represented by other alumni who served in that war: the late **Alan Poole, '67**, represented the Air Force, **Bill Scarborough, '69**, represented the Navy, **Ron Reigleman, '61**, represented the Army and **Allen Josey, '64**, represented the Marines.

The plaques joined those honoring the eight alumni killed in World War I and the 53 KIAs in World War II.

## KIA Plaques were unveiled at R2001

At solemn ceremonies outside the newly dedicated AMA Alumni House/Museum, two plaques were dedicated during Reunion 2001 honoring the

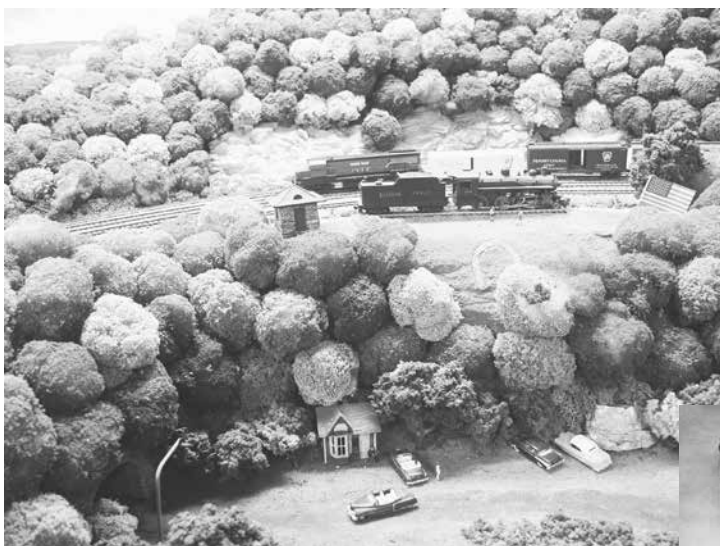


## They've been working on the railroad

# Model rail layouts have grown in 77 years

In the 77 years since **Bob Bradford's** Dad put a wind-up train track under their 1937 Christmas tree in Blacksburg, model railroading has taken off to be one of the nation's and indeed the world's top hobbies. In the last issue, **B. J. d'Orsay, '70**, and **Darrell Pickett, '60**, reported on their N-Scale railroading. On this page, some photos from an HO Gauge layout

lovingly created by **P. J. Mattson, '64**, who has won the top award of "Master Model Railroader" from the National Model Railroad Association. His rail line is called "Raccoon Valley" and it takes eleven people to operate the layout! Twice each November, he opens his house in Swedesboro, NJ to guests. Read more and see color photos at: <https://raccoonvalleyrailroad.shutterfly.com/>



**Phil Mattson is now Vice President of the Mid Eastern Region (MER) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) and is a candidate for the Presidency. He also is Achievement Chairman for the New Jersey division of the MER/NMRA.**

## Rovirosa rail dream comes true

**Jorge Rovirosa, '71**, says that as a kid, he was always interested in model trains "but as a 'lifer' at AMA I was never able to get one." After age 50, he realized his dream and bought a German LBG train. "I built a setup with digital controls, more and more tracks, more and more cars, etc. and would set it up in the living room at Christmas.

When my eldest son, Juan P., turned four he 'noticed' my train and would sit on the floor for hours watching the train go all around the living room."

The grandkids call Jorge "Abu" which is short for Abuelo, meaning grandfather in Spanish. Since the fascination with the train setup, all the grandkids now call him "Abu Choo-

Choo." Now, says Jorge, "all four of my grandsons, even the toddlers, have their own individual Lionel Polar Express electric trains! Every boy who has shown an interest in trains should have his own train set."

## N-Scale collection offered for sale

**Monroe "Rody" Nash, '47**, has a large collection of N-Scale model railroad equipment which he graciously has offered to donate to AMA. Not having a place for his collection, AMA would propose to sell the collection. If you have any interest, call Rody at 757/428-5229 or e-mail him at: [Oldbroker@aol.com](mailto:Oldbroker@aol.com). Thank you, Rody!



## BULLETIN: Cadets on our campus! VMI cadets that is!



Each year, a contingent of VMI First Classmen undertakes an 82 mile march from Lexington to the Civil War battlefield at New Market where, in 1864, VMI cadets helped turn the tide of battle resulting in one of the last Confederate victories of the war. The AMA campus is an annual stop for lunch and a chance to rest tired feet. Frank Spencer, '49, a VMI graduate, and Ida prepared this year's lunch, the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that they have helped feed the hungry marchers. In addition to Frank and Ida, Doug Carter, '72, Liz Hash, Brenda and Goodloe Saunders, '57, Sandra and Buddy Krise, '57, and Kathy and Hugh Harmon, '58, were there to welcome the VMI boys and girls. For the first time, Ben Zinkhan, '60, and Joyce were not there as they were on a driving trip out West.





# Nominations open for 2015 AMA Alumni Medals

Nominations are now open for the AMA Alumni Medals to be awarded at Reunion 2015, the 17<sup>th</sup> year that those who have given significant help to AMA will be so honored.

Beginning in 1999, AMA alumni, teachers and friends have been singled out annually for what they have done to promote the AMA Alumni Association and the AMA Alumni Foundation. Some were chosen for some single contribution of time or resources while others have been selected for having been constant supporters with many smaller contributions adding up to a remarkable gift.

Fifty two of the 65 medalists are alumni, four were faculty members while others include friends from Fishburne Military School and Missouri Military Academy, a Fort Defiance High School teacher, a Foundation "outside" trustee, a museum volunteer, our landlord, a Roller family member, the producer of *The Bayonet* and the endower of the AMA Intern Program.

At Reunion 2014, **Mrs. Helen Charleton**, the widow of **William Curtis Charleton, 1915**, who created the AMA Internship Program in her late husband's memory, and **Charles Pascale, '69**, who gives of his time and resources to keep our computer programs working, were awarded AMA Alumni Medals.

*Think about who has given tirelessly to the AMA Foundation or the Alumni Association. Or one who has made a singular contribution of time and talent. Check the list in the box to the right. If that person's name is NOT on the roster, please submit that name right away!*

The selection committee is chaired by **Foundation Chairman Blaine Clarke, '72**. Members of the committee are **Association President Steve Trent, '70**, **Phil Bentley, '83**, **Goodloe Saunders, '57**, **Frank Williamson, '60**, and **Bob Bradford, '50**.

**SEND NOMINATIONS TO: AMA ALUMNI MEDAL, BOX 100, FORT DEFIANCE, VA 24437. OR BY E-MAIL TO: AUGUSTAMILITARYACADEMY@VERIZON.NET**

**ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 6 MARCH 2015!**

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT REUNION 2015**

## Past recipients of the AMA Alumni Medal

Joseph Salicrup, '31\*  
Col. Will Parkins, '35\*  
Julian Quarles, '35  
Bill Gray, '37\*  
Mickey Gordon, '39\*  
V. P. Leavel, '39\*  
Bobby Rhea, '47\*  
Paul Bratton, '48\*  
Ed Chauncey, '49\*  
Jim Council, '49  
Clyde Ramsey, '49  
Frank Spencer, '49  
Bob Bradford, '50  
Ed Click, '50  
Jim Starnes, '50  
Rod Willey, '51  
Hap Starr, '51\*  
Tommy Simmons, '52\*  
Ozzie Ferro, '53  
Ronnie Mahanes, '53\*  
Bob Harris, '54  
Parker Ward, '54\*  
Goodloe Saunders, '57  
Jerry Wildman, '57  
Duke Fancher, '58  
Terry Snow, '58\*  
Dave Conrad, '59  
George Holt, '60  
Bill Mariner, '60  
Luke Snyder, '60  
Frank Williamson, '60  
Ben Zinkhan, '60  
Bruce Nicholson, '62  
Bob Hume, '63  
Greg Pearce, '65  
Mac McInnis, '67  
Rick Smail, '67

Nicky Syropoulos, '67  
Gordon Metz, '68  
Victor Gomez, '69  
Charlie Pascale, '69  
B. J. d'Orsay, '70  
Gary Nicholson, '70\*  
Jorge Rovirosa, '70  
Steve Trent, '70  
Garry Granger, '71  
Doug Carter, '72  
Tom DelValle, '72  
Steve Pearson, '72  
Chuck Pennock, '72  
Bruce Strange, '72  
Steve Traylor, '72  
Norvell West, '84  
Mrs. Helen Charleton  
Chief Chester Cole\*  
Dr. Mary DeCredico+  
Rev. Greg Douglas  
Chuck Foley^  
Hilton Roller Grasty\*  
Bruce Hemp^^  
Sgt. Joe Josephson\*  
John Maragon^^^  
Sue Messerley ++  
Coach Bill Ralph\*  
Sgt. Don Studer  
Joyce Zinkhan  
(Mrs. Ben, '60)

\* Deceased

^ Missouri MA

^^ Fort Defiance HS

^^^ Fishburne MS

+ Foundation Trustee,  
USNA

++ Mid Valley Press

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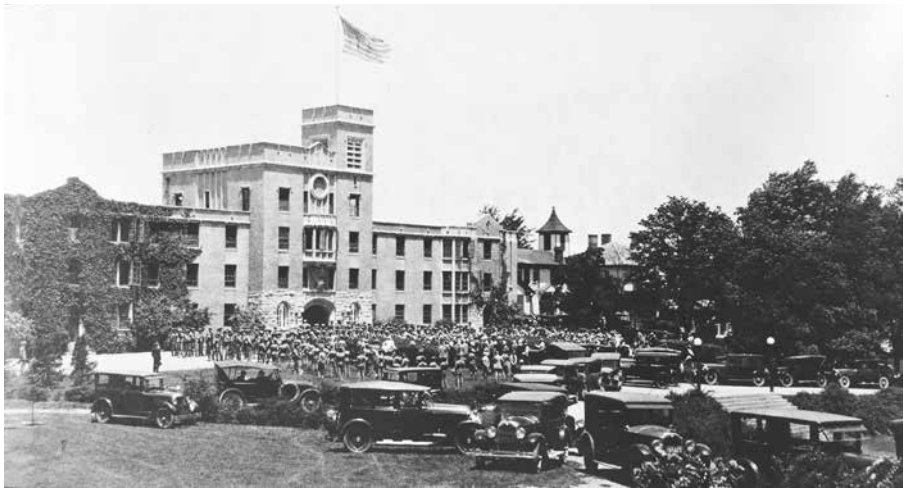
ANSWERS:

- 1) Pool 2) Drill 3) March  
4) Court 5) Rifle 6) Mess

**REMEMBER THAT FOR EVERY SIX HOUR DAY YOU VOLUNTEER AT THE MUSEUM, YOU CAN KNOCK 10 PER CENT OFF YOUR REUNION REGISTRATION! FIVE DAYS EQUALS A 50 PER CENT CREDIT. TEN DAYS? YOUR REGISTRATION IS FREE!**

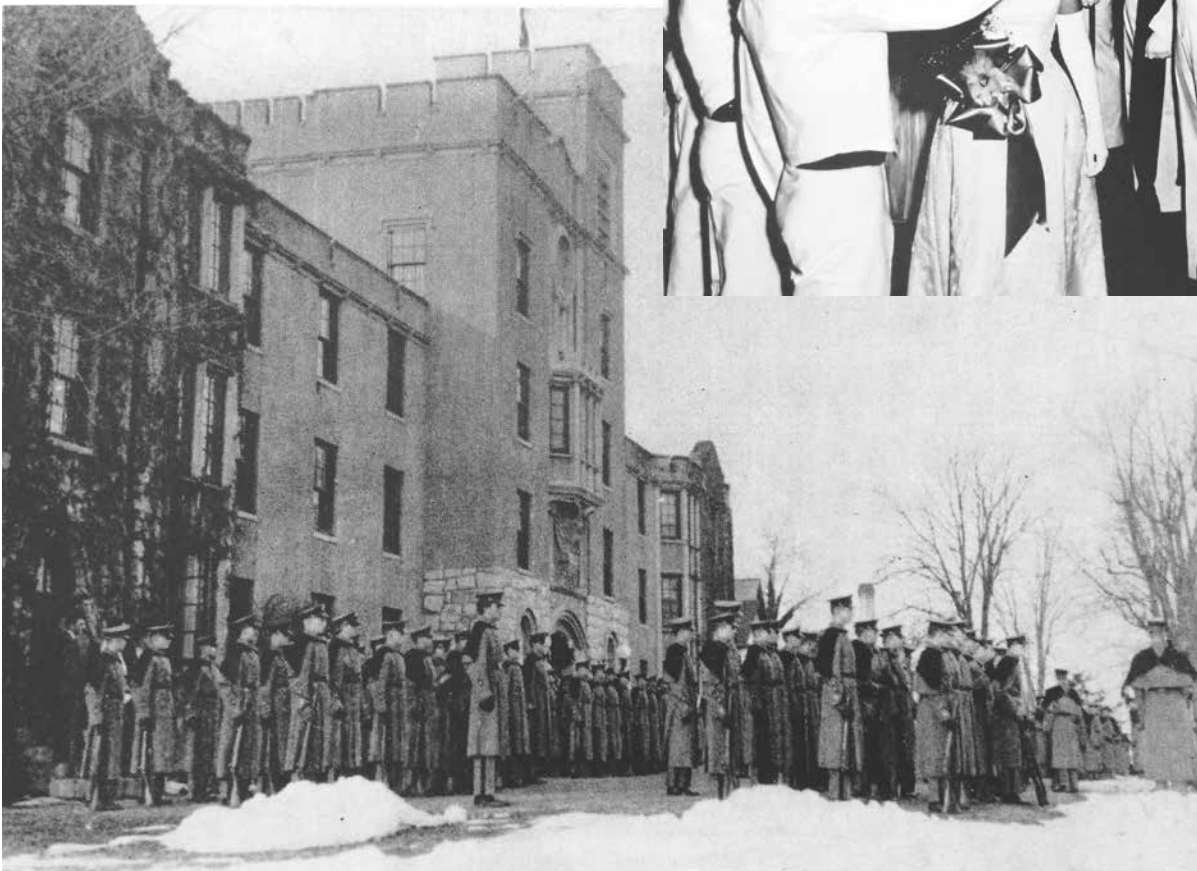
**Our loyal vounters Joyce and Ben Zinkhan, '60, took their first ever car trip to the West Coast in September putting 8,500 miles on their car and visiting 18 states. Don Studer helped them plan their itinerary and met up with them in Washington State.**





**REMEMBER?**

Upper, right, 90 years ago on Graduation Day 1924. Now, tell us what years the other photos on this page were taken!







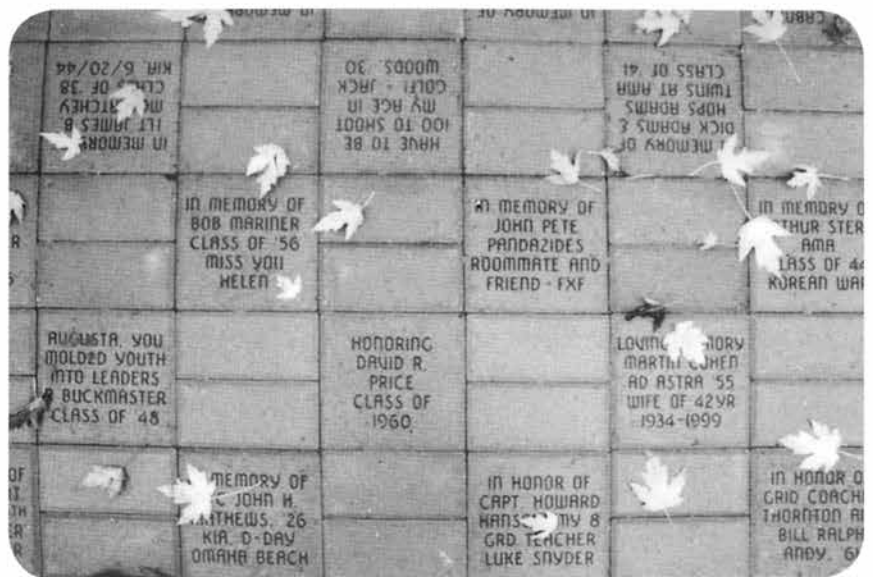
**100 YEARS AGO - In 1914, the finishing touches were being made on Big Barracks which welcomed its first cadets in the Fall of 1915. Below, an artist's rendition of the AMA campus before the construction of Big Barracks.**



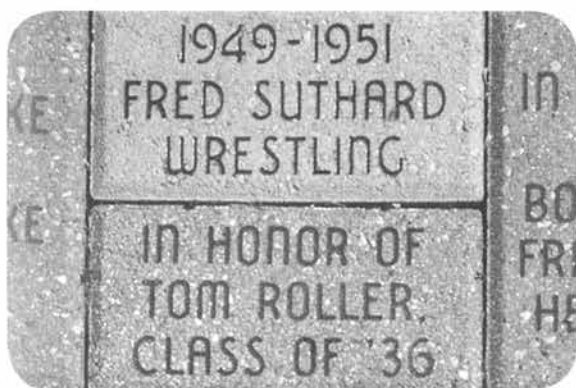
# PAVERS TELL AMA'S STORY

The engraved brick pavers in front of the AMA Alumni House/Museum tell a story of a special place and special people. Some of the pavers honor a living spouse. Some honor service to the country. Some are there to remember folks no longer with us. Some are humorous. Some bring tears. No one who visits the museum doesn't stop to look at these permanent reminders of good times or lost friends. Once again, you are given the chance to purchase a paver or pavers to honor or remember someone or some activity or organization. Bricks are laser cut for sharp and lasting detail.

**USE THE FORM ON THE OPPOSITE PAGE  
TO PLACE AN ORDER FOR A PAVER**



**Pavers ordered now will be installed  
before Reunion 2015**







# PAVERS



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 Fort Defiance, VA 24437



enables alumni or friends of the Augusta Military Academy to arrange gifts to AMA after their lifetimes.

This can be as simple as one line in your will or other bequest. If taxes and survivors are a consideration, there are numerous ways including the donation of stocks, bonds, life insurance benefits, trusts and the like. AMA never asks the value of an intended gift. We ask only that you make your intention known to your loved ones. You may give anonymously, if that is your wish.

Look at the Roller Society logo. It infers that gifts to the Roller Society will echo down the years, helping to provide scholarships to deserving young people who may never have heard of AMA. They insure that our pristine museum will flourish and grow and that *The Bayonet* will continue as the golden thread which binds us together.



What is

When you make a pledge to the Roller Society, your name will be inscribed on the Society plaque in the AMA Museum. It will be included on the Roller Society roster which is printed twice annually in *The Bayonet*. (See facing page)

At the annual reunion following your passing, a memorial brick will be dedicated in your memory at the AMA Alumni House/Museum and your family will be invited to attend the ceremonies.

If you have questions about the Roller Society or the management of your gift, call us at 540/248-3007 or e-mail: [AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net](mailto:AugustaMilitaryAcademy@verizon.net). We can help you or refer you to an appropriate financial advisor.

Most important: please let your family and/or executor know of your commitment. There are many feelings and responsibilities that a family must deal with when a loved one passes away. By putting a note in your papers that you have made a commitment to The Roller Society (and in what amount) will reduce the stress on your family and assure that your wishes are carried out.

Membership in the Roller Society is a testament to your loyalty to AMA and a token of your appreciation for what AMA meant to you and your family in your lifetime. Without the continued endorsements from generous benefactors, it will be difficult to maintain what we have now and in the future.

Please complete the form on the facing page and mail it in. Today!



Listed below are the members of the Roller Society as of 1 November 2014. We thank each of you for your commitment and we honor those whose lifetimes are over, yet still support AMA.

*The Roller Society*

<u>ACTIVE</u>			<u>DECEASED</u>
Mal Livick	John Bell, '54	Gordon Metz, '68	Mel Alper, '39
Linda Roller Livick	Bob Harris, '54	Victor Gomez, '69	Paul Bratton, '48
John Maragon, FMS	Goodloe Saunders, '57	John Henderson, '69	Ed Chauncey, '49
Tina Shafer	Duke Fancher, '58	Charles Pascale, '69	Buddy Deane, '48
Crysta Stephenson	Dave Conrad, '59	Nicky Syropoulos, '69	Mickey Gordon, '39
Don Studer	Elliott Ridge, '59	Jorge Roviroso, '70	Hilton Roller Grasty
Frank Shultz, '41	George Holt, '60	Scott Travers, '70	Bill Harris, '48
Angus Hines, '42	Bill McVey, '60	Steve Trent, '70	Jack Jansing, '43
Ed Leventen, '46	Luke Snyder, '60	Garry Granger, '71	Carroll Knicely, '46
Ernest Click, '48	Frank Williamson, '60	Willis Walker, '71	Tex Mahone, '42
Jim Councill, '49	Bev Williamson	Mark Femrite, '72	John Morris, '49
Clyde Ramsey, '49	Ben Zinkhan, '60	Lewie Kennett, '72	Herb McCawley, '43
John Shirley, '49	Andrew Campbell, '61	Doug Pennock, '72	Gary Nicholson, '70
Frank Spencer, '49	Mac Coiner, '61	P. J. Thompson, '72	Noelle Nicholson
Ida Spencer	Art Hurme, '61	Al Zayas, '72	Mrs. Clyde Ramsey, '49
Bob Bradford, '50	Sally Balch Hurme	Bruce Crum, '72	Bobby Rhea, '47
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# SPOTLIGHT on JACK WHITE, '69

## OYSTERS ARE HIS WORLD!

*By Ruth (Mrs. Howard, '68) Rosenthal*

I have never been a fan of oysters. However, at this year's reunion, I decided to try the Oysters brought by **Jack (John T.) White, '69**. I figured that there would be no better oysters for me to try than Jack's which he farms himself in the clean, salty waters of Mathews County, Virginia. He had pulled them from the water that morning and was shucking them as reunion goers tossed them down, so I knew they would be fresh and good. After trying Jack's oysters, I can't say that they are now my favorite food but I can say that I won't hesitate to eat them again if he provides them!

Jack does not simply farm a few oysters for sharing with friends and family. Today, in addition to maintaining his own garden at Dyers Creek, he care for 45 acres of oyster leases in Mathews County and estimates that he has harvested more than a million oysters from the Chesapeake Bay. In the last 20 years, he has dedicated his energies to restoring the bay oyster population and bringing back the oyster industry. He educates

the public about the function and importance of oysters and has designed and marketed home aquaculture systems.

He and a resident of Virginia's Northern Neck developed the first network of oyster gardeners in the area. He also has designed and

manufactured commercial aquaculture products and has experimented with different grow-out strategies. Due in large part to his efforts, the New Point Oyster became prominent in DC raw bars by the millennium, long before any other, and now the oyster industry is thriving in Virginia's Middle Peninsula.

Not only are Jack's efforts important from an economics standpoint but also from an environmental perspective. In an article titled "Conservation of the Half Shell" in *The Mason Spirit*, the George Mason University alumni magazine, author Corey Jenkins Schaut writes: "Oysters are filter feeders, drawing their nutrients from the water that passes through their shells. They are also natural water purifiers. The bivalves remove nitrogen, phosphorus and carbon from waterways, each filtering up to 30 gallons of water every day.

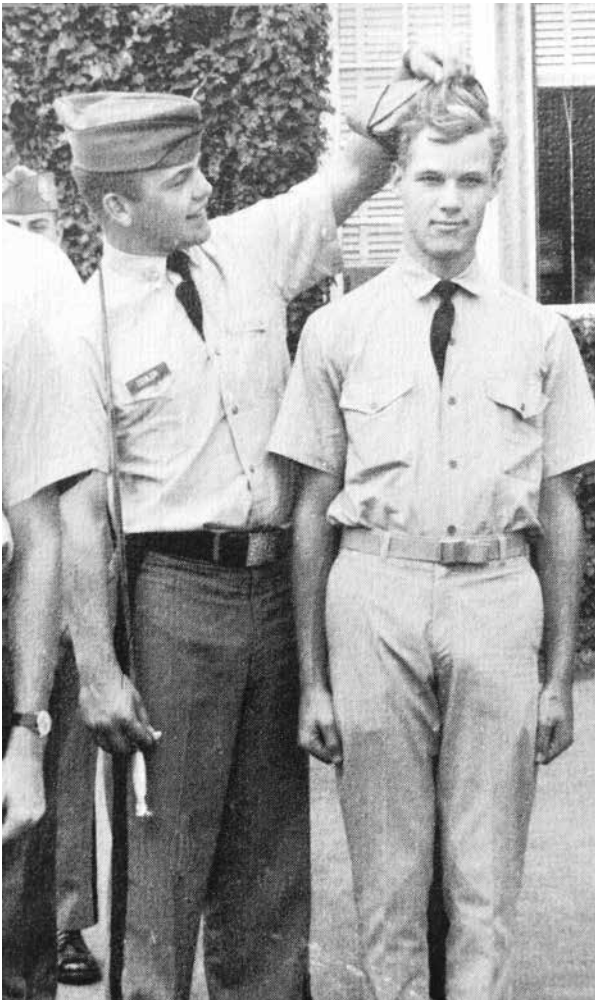
"But the number of bay oysters has been dropping dramatically for more than a century. White notes that Chesapeake watermen say there once were so many oysters in the bay that the entire body of water was filtered every three to five days. With disease, over-harvesting and pollution, that same process now takes approximately a year. Farming offers faster growth than in the wild, as well as consistent replenishment of the creatures of the water.

"When White began farming in the mid-1990s, Virginia watermen were only harvesting oysters in the tens of thousands. By 2007, according to the Virginia Institute for Marine Science, about 4.8 million bay oysters went to market. That puts White a little closer to his goal:

*(continued on page 41)*



**Jack White displays his wonderfully tasty oysters at the reunion, an annual culinary delight.**



**On Jack's first day as a New Cadet and not yet in uniform, Dave Zehler notices that Cadet White, J. needs a haircut – badly!**



# Alums piloting oral histories

## Documenting the AMA experience and promoting the AMA Legacy

By Bob Gooch, '70

Early this spring, a group of AMA alumni presented to select board members the potential advantages of creating an Oral Histories Library. The outcome of those discussions was to pilot a project to document and define the methods and processes needed to create an Oral Histories Library residing on the AMA web site and in the AMA Museum itself.

Oral histories were tried a few years back but the process was found to be cumbersome. Now, using digital tools and on-line programs, videos can be made without jumping on a plane, shipping cameras and recorders around the country or going into a studio. Via internet software, like *Skype* and *iMovies*, anyone with a PC or laptop can now produce high quality videos.

The pilot project has included interviewing ten to twelve alumni to establish a standard format, editing the interview text into subject based videos and providing a means to view and distribute the videos.

Our typical *Skype* interviews consist of a one hour preinterview and a 90 minute formal interview. The text is then edited via *iMovies* and are ready for downloading to the AMA web site and/or to a fixed location in our museum.

The pilot project is envisioned to be completed in time for the 2015 reunion. At that time, the pilot's finished product will be available for viewing including an opportunity for all reunion goers to contribute to the subject based videos.

At this writing, we have completed five videos and have established the basic interviewing process. Editing has already begun and results have been good. Meanwhile, we are discovering that the process is actually fun!

The Pilot Team encourages everyone who goes to Reunion 2015 to stop by our viewing area and add to our video text.

**Special thanks to Jorge Roviroa, '70, Rick Smail, '67, Blaine Clarke, '72, Phil Bentley, '83, Larry Wilson, '70, and Bob Bradford, '50 for helping get the pilot underway.**



**Bob Gooch, '70, conducts a Skype interview with Rich Smail, '67, for the AMA Oral History Project.**



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## AMA, Stuart Hall and SMA have reunions on same weekend

Augusta Military Academy, Staunton Military Academy and Stuart Hall all have their 2015 reunions on the weekend of 17-19 April.

SMA has invited AMA alumni to their dance on Friday night at the Clock Tower Building on Beverly Street in Staunton, not at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel as previously announced.

Stuart Hall and SMA reunion goers have been invited to play in the AMA Open on Friday 17 April and in the Sporting Clay Shoot on Saturday 18 April. Anyone from either school who wishes to participate in either AMA function should contact **Crysta Stephenson** directly at 540/248-3007, or send in a registration form from *The Bayonet*.

We look forward to seeing old girl friends and SMA pals at our reunion.

With three reunions in town, you should make your hotel reservation early. See you there!

# Charleton summer interns provide resounding support to the mission of our AMA Museum

*By Crysta Sytphenenson, Museum Director*

Can you really ever get too much of a good thing? When you are talking about our internship program, I would say not.

At the AMA Alumni House/Museum, we are blessed with the **William Charleton, 1915, Intern Program**. It affords us two interns per year and allows us to offer them pay for 300 hours of work. But 2014 was a banner year because, through the generosity of **Mrs. Helen Charleton**, we were able to engage a third part time intern.

It was a resounding success. We employed Morgan Pendleton, a senior studying public history at Bridgewater College, and Jenny Nehrt a senior studying public history at James Madison University, as our full time interns. In addition, Megan Moore, an English major at JMU, served as our part time intern.

Jenny and Morgan worked on projects individually and jointly and both were fully invested in AMA from the very first day. The girls read *Don't Fence Me In*, an autobiographical work by **Barry Spanjaard, '48**, which was written in Big Barracks on a typewriter borrowed from **Bob Bradford, '50**. Later in life, Barry published his recollection of his family's experience in Nazi death camps during the Second World War. After reading the book, the girls researched Barry's life and the Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp where he and his family were imprisoned. From their research, they developed a temporary exhibit on Barry's life which is now on display at the Museum.

In addition, Morgan completed research on our **World War One KIAs** and assembled an exhibit binder for display. Jenny took on the production of the museum's e-mail newsletter and researched some short articles for it including the story of a New York City socialite mother who traveled by rail to Washington, DC and then had her French chauffeur drive her to Fort Defiance.

Neither Morgan nor Jenny was ever without something to do because there was always a box of cadet files that needed to be processed. For three summers, our interns have performed many different tasks but mainly they have archived the cadet files. There are many boxes of school files on individual cadets that we are rehousing in new archivally-safe folders and refiled in cabinets in the museum's second floor.

Our part time intern, Megan, was there two days a week and spent all of her time working on our collections – organizing, filing and accessioning each of our 150 plus sports photographs plus 36 AMA grade books. While that is easily said, it was a mountain of work which never could have been accomplished without her help.

Morgan, Jenny and Megan were extremely valuable to our museum this past summer. There were other candidates for our internships but I believe we got the cream of the crop. The key to reeling in these fine interns is the ability to give them a paycheck for their work. As a small museum, we are blessed to have this resource. Few others do.

## My internship solidified my dreams

*By Morgan Pendleton*

The major project I worked on was moving the old cadet files into archival folders to preserve them longer. Although this took up most of our time, I had a lot of fun doing it. It was interesting to look through files that dated back to the late 1920s up through the 1970s and seeing how the school changed over time and grew to include many more students than when it started in the late 1800s. I got to



**Morgan and Jenny assemble the exhibit "Don't Fence Me In."**

know and learn about some cadets and got a glimpse into their lives as well as seeing how much **General Roller** loved this school and the cadets who attended Augusta.

Crysta told me that there was funding that Jenny and I could use to develop an exhibit. For my senior seminar class, our topic was World War One as the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary approached. I noticed that there was no binder with information about the AMA cadets who fought and died in that war, although there is a plaque in the museum dedicated to those who died. Crysta logged us onto Ancestry.com and using research previously undertaken by **Art Hurme, '61**, I began my own research.

I spent two weeks looking at what I already had and searching Ancestry.com in order to get as much information as I could in order to write about the KIAs, their time at AMA and how and where they died. Information was hard to find because record keeping in the 1910s is not what it is today. AMA did not start producing *Recalls* until 1911. I went through the old yearbooks trying to get faces to go with the names. This proved difficult but I did eventually find a photo for eight of the cadets.

Next, Jenny and I worked on the Barry Spanjaard display. Jenny and I both read his book about his and his family's experiences in the German concentration camp. This was the first display I had ever worked with and Jenny and I very much enjoyed coming up with ideas that would get



the story of Barry's life out to the public.

I also put one scrapbook (donated by a former cadet) into the PastPerfect system that the museum uses. Although I only did this once, I would like to work more with PastPerfect and learn how to properly catalog donations. I felt overall that the internship helped me solidify my dream to work in museums and encouraged my love of history.

Often, I drove by AMA but had never stopped at the museum. I am glad I got this opportunity to work here.

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## My internship honed old skills, developed new ones

By Jenny Nehrt

My internship at the AMA Museum began in June of 2014. It continued through the summer until I had finished my allotted 300 hours. I worked closely with my fellow intern, Morgan, on archiving student records and building a museum exhibit. We also dabbled in cataloging museum objects in PastPerfect.

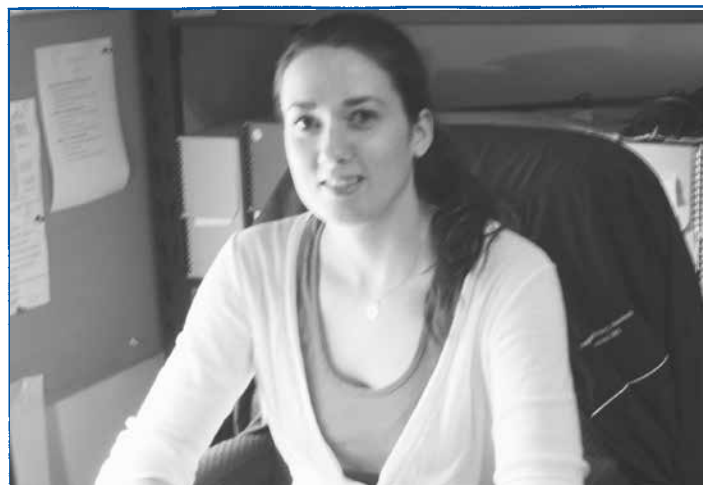
Archiving the student records has been an ongoing project during my time at AMA. There are few things more satisfying than emptying out one of those large file storage boxes. Each individual file is refoldered into an archival quality, acid-free folder and filed alphabetically. This may sound tedious but some of the files contain hidden treasures. In the first couple of weeks, I moved at a snail's pace, captivated by some of the documents I found. Many contained stories about cadets, faculty members and letters from parents and alumni serving in wartime.

Going through these files has allowed me to find interesting pieces to write about in the newsletter. In addition to writing about AMA events, calls for volunteers and donations, I have included interesting historical pieces about AMA, such as an undefeated soccer team and a socialite whose son was an AMA cadet.

I am particularly proud of the exhibit which Morgan and I designed and built. The exhibit tells the story of Barry Spanjaard, an AMA cadet who survived Bergen-Belsen Concentration Camp during World War Two. He wrote a memoir of his time at AMA, detailed his early life in Amsterdam, the anti-semitic laws passed, the camps that he and his family lived through, how he and his family were exchanged for German POWs because of Barry's mother's US citizenship, and his trip to America.

The exhibit is in two display cases. As visitors move down the exhibit, they can read Spanjaard's story on chronologically arranged labels. The objects chosen for the exhibit are mostly representative, such as a pair of boxing gloves and the salt and sugar. Photos were used to demonstrate what it was like for the Spanjaards, though care was taken to be sure the images are appropriate for a family-friendly exhibit.

My time at AMA has been most rewarding. It allowed me to expand old skills while developing new ones and to learn a lot about the operation of a small local museum. It was a friendly and fun environment and I was thankful to work along side such wonderful volunteers and other interns.



Charleton Intern Megan Moore

## Jack White from page 38

*'I will not quit until there are a billion oysters in the Bay,' White vows.* Given Jack's background, it is not surprising that he would take on a challenge as daunting as restoring Virginia's oyster population. First, he credits AMA with providing a "hardening experience" and one that left him with the realization that only he is responsible for his own future. Then his post high school education trained him to be a businessman and lawyer, training that serves him well as he advocates for and assists in rebuilding Virginia's oyster population. Thirdly, he feels he has a duty to preserve and protect the people, places and institutions that have been entrusted to him. While he has only lived amidst the water and wetlands of Mathews County for the past two decades, he feels a real connection to that area and traces his ancestry to that county. He has an incredible view from his home and is surrounded with nature and the things that mean the most to him. He enjoys his life and his work, all set amidst the beauty of Virginia's second smallest and most historic county.

Last year, he decided to run for the Mathews County Board of Supervisors so that he can better serve the people and community he loves so much. Not surprisingly, he was elected last November. Jack also is serving as a member of the AMA Alumni Association Board of Directors and is working with Staunton Military Academy alumni who have shown an interest in playing golf and shooting clays at the 2015 AMA Reunion.

Jack is listed as graduating in the Class of '69 because that was his last year at AMA. He actually finished high school at home due to "hormonal issues." While at AMA, he was in B Company under **Harry Orenstein, '68**, and **Nicky Syropoulos, '69**, then in A Company commanded by **Larry Thiel, '70**. He was the first New Cadet selected to be a guidon bearer. He marched in the Roller Rifles and played varsity lacrosse for two years, recalling the "heroic athleticism" of Goalie **Gordon Metz, '68**. Jack also played JV football and joined the varsity his second year specializing in punt returns.

We welcome Jack to the AMA Board and wish him well on his efforts to increase the oyster population and restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay. We also thank him for providing those wonderful oysters (and sauces) at each AMA reunion!

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What would you like to know about AMA? The dates of the next reunion? The e-mail address of your AMA roomie? A look into one of the many *Recalls* that are on line? Recent photos of the campus and the AMA Museum?

You have only to log on to AMAAlumni.org where AMA Webmaster **B. J. d'Orsay, '70**, has created a marvelous web page for our alumni.

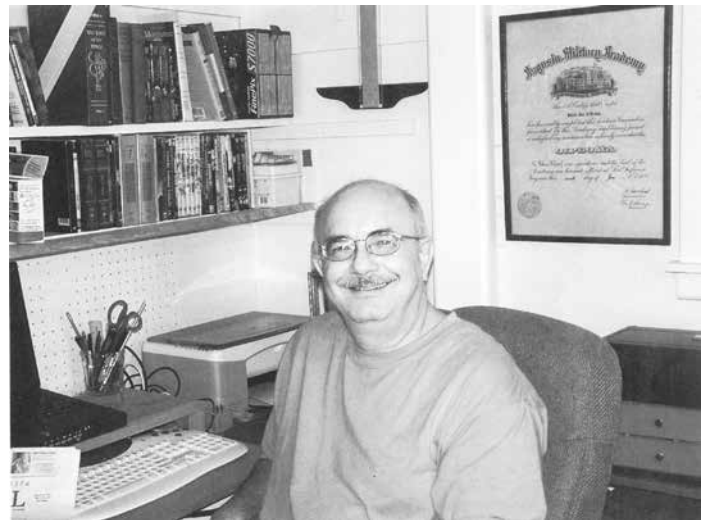
There is a collection of videos, some recent and some going all the way back to the '40s. There are reunion photos from many recent years and all the information you need to order an engraved paver for a permanent place on our campus.

B. J. is a computer whiz and he keeps our web page as a reliable source of information. Every *Bayonet* since the Fall of 2006 is there on the site. Looking for a particular story or a writeup about a friend? Look at the *Bayonet* index, so complete that if printed out it would run to 560 single spaced two column pages!

The site has the e-mail addresses of some 800 alumni and AMA friends and you can find a complete history of the school. There is a scrapbook full of cadet memories and information about the AMA Sports Hall of Fame. You can find more than 100 color photos of the museum's interior and another 200 plus shot around the campus.

Do you understand the difference between the AMA Alumni Association and the AMA Alumni Foundation? Go on line and see for yourself.

AMAAlumni.org is a tribute to B. J. and his commitment to the school he loves. Visit the site often and keep up with what is going on. Plus add your own data to the site. We are fortunate indeed to have such a superior web site which we can all easily access. Thanks, B. J.!



**AMA Webmaster B. J. d'Orsay, '70, at his home in Lubbock, Texas.**

## Wreaths across America to honor 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Arlington National Cemetery

For the seventh consecutive year, **Greg Pearce, '65**, will volunteer to place Holiday Wreaths at Arlington National Cemetery. This year's wreath laying will be on Saturday 13 December and will honor the sesquicentennial of the nation's most famous and revered burial place.

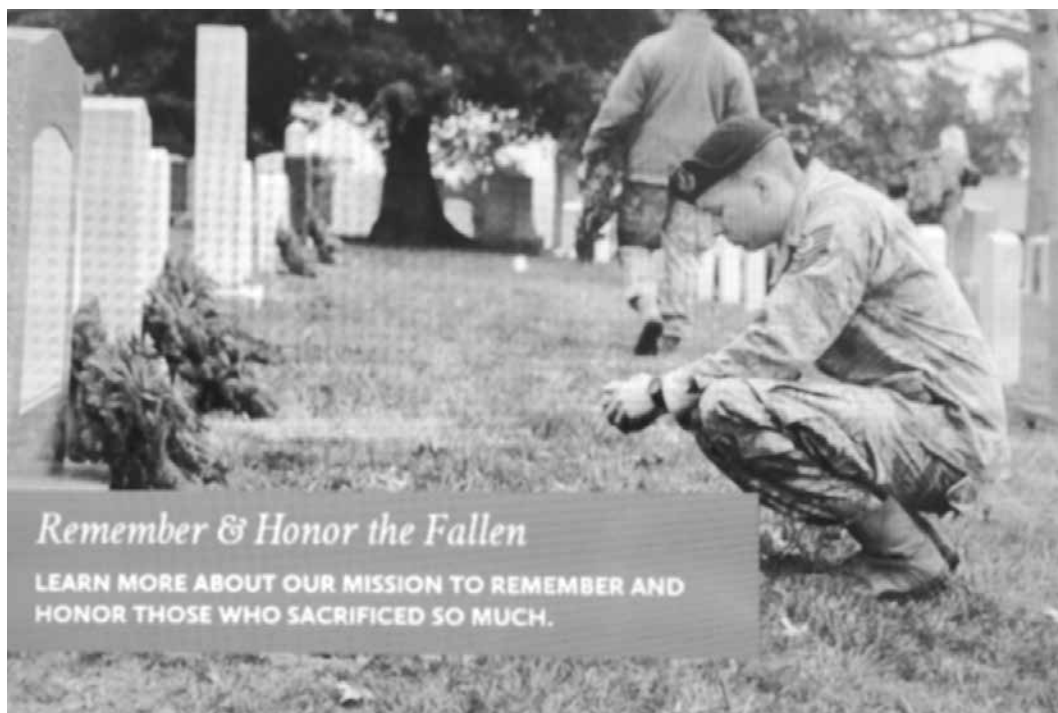
The balsam fir holiday wreaths are donated each year by Morrill Worcester, owner of the Worcester Wreath Company in Harrington, Maine. He pays to have 20,000 wreaths delivered to Arlington and other national cemeteries and volunteers like Greg place them on graves. To hear how

you can volunteer to help on 13 December, log on to WreathsAcrossAmerica.

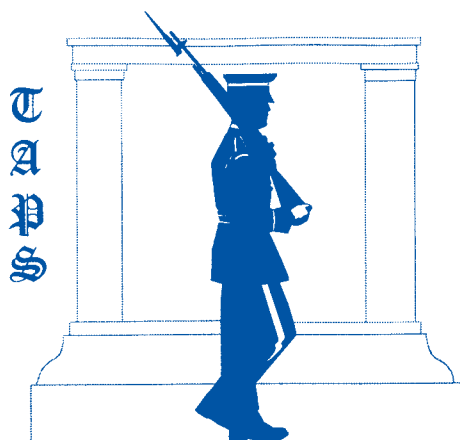
Or contact Greg at: [gregp692@yahoo.com](mailto:gregp692@yahoo.com)

Last year, Greg put wreaths on the graves of **Sergeant Joe Josephson**, his wife **Jo Jo** and **Jason Arnette**, the Virginia soldier AMA honored at Reunion 2011. Thank you, Greg, for so faithfully representing AMA on these somber occasions.

**Remember and Honor the Fallen.** Honor those who sacrificed so much. Join Greg at Arlington National Cemetery on Saturday 13 December. You will be very glad that you did. God Bless these heroes and God Bless America!







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### **J. Benjamin Carlisle, '33**

16 December 2012, Tarboro, NC, 96. Retired President of Carlisle Funeral Home, the third generation to own the business. US Army officer in World War II. Graduate of the University of North Carolina. Avid golfer who made



**Ben Carlisle**

six holes-in-one during his career. Survived by a son, Sam; a daughter, Louise Hamilton; granddaughter, Dr. Langdon Highley; and a grandson, Charles Benjamin Carlisle. At AMA: Company D; cavalry; golf team; company basketball; wrestling; YMCA. Until a few years ago, Ben's AMA cavalry saddle was on display in our museum.

### **David Crowe, '33**

No details available.

### **Thomas Duncan Hoover, '37**

10 January 2013, North Hills Passavant Hospital, Pittsburgh, 94. Served in the Navy in World War Two. Attended Duquesne University. Insurance

adjuster for General Motors and Head of Claims for USF&G at the company's main office in Baltimore. Active in sports. A motorcycle enthusiast, he rode his bike across Panama when he was stationed there in the Navy so he could say that he had ridden coast to coast! Survived by his wife, Margaret; son, John; daughter, Karen; and four grandchildren. At AMA: 2LT, Band; four year man; AMA Orchestra; Peep athletics; intramurals; Bible Class.



**Tom Hoover**

### **Andrew Jackson Airheart, '41**

11 August 2014, at home in Roanoke, 90. Virginia Tech. US Air Force in World War Two. Retired from GE after 30 years as an engineer in the GE Drive Systems Department. Survived by his wife of 64 years, Sara; daughters, Rebecca Airheart of Columbia, SC and Mary Brown of Roanoke; son, Andrew of Charlotte; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. At AMA: Private, B Company; football; fencing; track; Monogram Club.

### **Walter Fitzhugh Hyer, Jr., '42**

17 September 2014, Hanover, VA, 90. Graduate of University of Richmond. World War Two service in the Navy where he was awarded two Bronze Stars. Pharmaceutical representative. Past President, Richmond Council Navy League. Charter member, Willow Oaks Country Club. Walt, **Lew Mundin, '53**, **John Evans, '49**, and **Jay Fox, '53**, all had leadership functions at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Richmond. Survived by his wife of 63 years, Molly; son Walter, III; daughters, Molly Ann Hyer and Elizabeth Hyer Crews; and three grandchildren. At AMA: Corporal, Company C; track. Reported by **Lew Mundin, '53**.



**Walt Hyer, Jr.**

### **Martin Lyle Palmer, '43**

30 May 2012. Stevens City, VA. No details.

### **James A. Weston, Jr., '50**

9 July 2014, at home, Bryans Road, MD, after having just been discharged from the hospital. USAF veteran. Retired from the Naval Research Laboratory in 2000. Took up piano tuning as an avocation, a service he provided when he was at AMA. Last year, Jim donated a vintage 1941 John Deere tractor which was sold to support the work of the AMA Alumni Foundation. Survived by his wife of 50 years, Mildred; daughter, Tricia; and seven grandchildren. At AMA: Private, Band Company; intramurals; junior basketball. Reported by **Bob Harris, '54**.



**Jim Weston**

### **Tomme T. Gamewell, '54**

2 June 2014, at Hatteras Island, 78. Resident of Salisbury, NC. Graduate of Southern Technical Institute. US Navy for four years. In 1966, he and his late brother, **Joe, '50**, founded Gamewell Mechanical, Inc. Survived by his wife, Janes; son, Tomme, Jr., of Salisbury; daughters, Millie Harrison on Ponte Verde, FL, Julia Proctor of Salisbury; sisters, Elizabeth Patterson of Amarillo, TX; Jennifer Watson of Big Island, VA; grandchildren, Natalie Teal, Candice Proctor, Brittany Adams, Hobie Proctor and Cole Grams; and six great-grandchildren. At AMA: Captain, Adjutant; fencing; lacrosse; Roller Rifles; Honor Committee; Vice President, Student Body; Cotillion Club; Vice President, Final Ball. Tomme was a founding member of the AMA Alumni Association Board, 1970-74. Reported by **Bud Hargrave, '51**.



**Tomme Gamewell**

**Walter Quatmann, '61**

7 July 2014, in a hospice near his home in Freiburg, Germany, 72. Formerly from Baltimore. He attended the 2005 and 2011 reunions returning to AMA a wooden AMA plaque which once hung in the gym. At AMA: 1SGT, D Company; rifle team; Decorating Committee; track; Cotillion Club.



**Walt Quatmann**



**John Gephart**

**John W.**

**Gephart, Jr., '64**  
2010, New Kent, VA. No details. At AMA: Corporal, B Company; Roller Rifles.

**Douglas Dean Deffenbaugh, '65**

13 July 2014, at home, Waynesboro, 67. Graduate of Hampden-Sydney. Served in the Air Force for four years, discharged as sergeant. Owned Cap'n Sam's Landing in Waynesboro from 1978 until last year. Antique collector and fisherman. Contributed to many charities including Special Needs for

Children and Relay for Life. Survived by his wife, Debby; three children, Mason, Marcus and Corey; four grandchildren, Elliott, Nichelle, A m a y a and Matthew; and two sisters, Donna and Debbi. At AMA: New Cadet; JV track; International Club; Honor Roll; *Recall* staff. Reported by **Lew Munding, '53**.



**Dean Deffenbaugh**

**Forbes K. Braithwaite, '66**

25 June 2014, Virginia Beach, 69, liver cancer. US Army service in Vietnam. Retired from International Longshoreman's Union #1970. Mason. Survived by his wife, Betty; a daughter, Ashley Davis; three granddaughters, Hunter, Sydney and Bailey Davis; a stepson, Phillip McAdams, and a half brother, Daniel Proulx, all of Virginia Beach. At AMA: 1LT, A Company; Roller Rifles. Reported by **Jerry Arnold, '66**.



**Forbes Braithwaite**

**Todd Loren Sinclair, '69**

3 August 2014, cancer. In the hotel business in Virginia, South Carolina and Florida. Relocated to Maryland in 2000 to work for an e-commerce company, Newroads. Retired with a disability in 2009. At AMA: New Cadet, D Company. Reported by **Victor Gomez, '69**.



**Todd Sinclair**

**Hayes Austin Dickinson, '74**

23 June 2014, Hinkle Hospice House, Lexington, NC, 62. Worked for Harris Teeter in Chapel Hill, Lexington Furniture Company in Lexington and Soffe Company in Fayetteville. Survived by his two sisters, Kristie Miller of Denton, NC and Randi Weiss of Winston-Salem; and his companion Delores Holmes Dickinson. At AMA: MSG, Color Guard. Reported by **Bud Hargrave, '51**.



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## Rhode Island Reunion Rally

Nancy and John Botcheller, '67, hosted a mini-reunion at their home in Rhode island in October. The photo was taken in the back yard of the Botcheller home. L. to r., Jorge, '70, and Kiki Rovirosa, Rick, '67, and Mary Ann Smail, Nancy and John, Charlie, '67, and Sue Smith, Tom, '67, and Laura Pressly and Gordon, '67, and Brenda Metz. They sailed in Newport Harbor, walked in nature preserves, visited the mansions in Newport and had some great meals including steamed lobsters for all!



## Memorial to Jack Manch, '38, planned for Staunton park

A group of Staunton residents is spearheading a movement to raise money for a memorial to Doolittle Raider **Jack Manch, '38**, which will stand on land provided by the city in Gypsy Hill Park. Manch, whose father taught German and was the Band Director at AMA, co-piloted a B-24 bomber in the 1942 raid on Tokyo and died a hero's death near Las Vegas in 1958. Baldwin Jennings who is leading the effort says, *"Jack Manch was a true American hero who deserves recognition for what he did. He is deserving in so many ways – as a Staunton native, a World War II hero and for what he did in the skies over Las Vegas in 1958."* Jack was born in Staunton in 1918 and was educated in city schools before spending his high school years at AMA. At seven inches over six feet, he was too tall to fly but he fudged his way into the Army Air Corps when General Hap Arnold had him bend his knees until he was just six feet four inches! After the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, General Jimmy Doolittle began to look for volunteers who would deliver the first American strike against the Japanese homeland. "Shorty" Manch volunteered and joined Doolittle and 84 others in extensive training, learning to take off a B-24 from the deck of an aircraft carrier, something that had never been done before. Known famously as "Thirty Seconds Over Tokyo," the attack gave Americans a much needed morale boost. Manch had to bail out over China after dropping his bombs and made his way back to American lines. In 1943, he came home to be greeted enthusiastically by Staunton residents and the AMA Corps of Cadets. He continued to fly with the Air Force until his jet flamed out over Las Vegas in 1958. Colonel Manch ordered his lieutenant trainee to bail out, then guided the fast falling plane past the residential area into the desert. When Jack deployed his chute, he was too close to the ground and he was killed instantly. The monument will be a low black granite monolith featuring an engraving of Manch in the cockpit of a plane. The total cost is expected to be about \$2,600. A special account has been established to accept donations. Make a check payable to Baldwin Jennings, note on the subject line that it is for the Jack Manch Memorial and mail to Jennings at 332 Sharon Lane, Staunton 24401.



**The official Air Force photo of Captain Jack Manch at the end of World War II.**

## 60th anniversary of first Virginia Tech football broadcast

Hokiesports.com

By Jimmy Robertson

It has been a season at Virginia Tech to celebrate a monumental anniversary as the Athletic Department, as its football coaches, players, fans and alums celebrate the 50th anniversary of Lane Stadium.

But September 18 of this year was another anniversary. That day marked the 60th anniversary of the first radio broadcast of a Virginia Tech football game.

In September 19, 1954, Virginia Tech played NC State at Miles Stadium in Blacksburg. The Hokies went on to win the game 30-21. Joe Knakal took care of the play by play duties for the broadcast while **Bob Bradford** handled the color commentary. A Radford radio station was the flagship station for the new network.

Bradford is a Blacksburg native and grew up a Tech fan remembering going to Miles Stadium with his parents and specifically remembers the Gobblers beating a ranked Georgetown team in 1941. He got into radio work while a student at Washington and Lee working at the commercial radio station in Lexington. He later worked in radio in Roanoke and Radford but it was at W&L where he and his roommate came up with the idea of broadcasting Tech games.

"At the time," said Bradford, "you could hear Notre Dame and Georgia Tech on a football Saturday and we thought why not Virginia Tech? We talked with Coach Moseley who was at first cool to the idea because he feared people would stay at home to listen to the games on the radio rather than buying tickets to home games. But we talked him into it, paid Tech to let us broadcast the games, then sold the games to other stations around the area."



It was a bold move for two young men: Bradford was just 23 and Knakal only 21. The first broadcast wasn't exactly smooth sailing for them. For starters, no one knew they were coming and they had to pay to get into the stadium! Then, in the press box the phone company had not yet installed a line and there was no electric power.

But the group managed to get the show on the air. Bradford, Knakal, Tech alum Tom Gannaway and spotter Ralph Price (who worked in the press box for nearly 30 years) fed that first game to six stations.

"Joe was very good with the play by play," Bradford said. "He later did football and basketball broadcasts for VMI and W&L. But he never did see a flag thrown. He would go on and on about the play until I took out my handkerchief and waved it at him. From then on, I had my handkerchief at the ready in case there was a flag thrown."

Bradford and Knakal handled the broadcasts for three seasons and have many stories to relay about those days. The run ended when Bradford was called to active duty in the Army in early 1957 expecting to serve two years.

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**Julian Quarles, '35, at home with Ed Click, '50, left, and at the AMA Museum with Docent Brian Hart, '66. Julian, a true American hero, will celebrate his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday in January. A remarkable man who makes each and every one of us proud to be an American!**



**Upper, left, Walter and Ryan Fleming with Warren Fleming, '72, at the University of New Haven; above, Ruth Rosenthal, Mickey Toms, '67, and Howard, '68, visiting Mickey in Cortez, CO; above, right, Ron Hatcher, '67, visits the museum; left, bottom, all the way from Nicaragua is Al Sotomayor, '74, his first time back on campus since he graduated; below, right, on his trip out west Ben Zinkhan, '60, right spent time with Sergeant Don Studer and Jerry Wildman, '57.**



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**BREAST CANCER WINNERS** - At right is Cuqui Ferro, daughter of Ozzie, '53, celebrating with her surgeon, Dr. Mario Silva, and others who, with his help, have beaten breast cancer.

#### Bradford *from page 46*

He ended up only having to be in for six months but by that time Tech had made other plans replacing Knakal and Bradford with Frank Messer and Frank Soden.

Knakal ended up an attorney in Lynchburg. Bradford, now 83, went on to work as News Director at WMAL in Washington, DC, later worked for two Members of Congress and served a stint as President of the National Restaurant Association and was Executive Vice President of the Food Marketing Institute.

His last job before he retired in 1996 was with Safeway which took him to California where he now lives in Folsom with his wife, Nancy. They are there to be close to their daughter and two teenage granddaughters.

Today, he subscribes to SiriusXM Radio and listens to the current team of Bill Roth and Mike Burnop at every possible chance. Like many others, he watches TV but turns down the volume to hear Bill and Mike.

Does he miss radio? "I still do," he says. "Weren't those the days? Don't know how we would do it today. The technical side has moved far ahead of me. Radio, as you know, either made you just just enough to buy bread or you were very rich. I wasn't very rich and with two young children I had to find other work.

"When I left WMAL to work for Congressman (Richard) Poff, my salary doubled!

"It is all hard to believe it was 60 years ago that we did that first Tech broadcast.

"My gosh."



**BREAKFAST IN VERONA** - The Livick men enjoying a meal at Armstrong's. Mal Livick, '75, with his son, Trae, an AMA Legacy Scholarship winner, and Colonel Mal Livick.



**THE MATTERHORN** - Bob, '50 and Nancy Bradford traveled with Classmate Ed Click and Sue through Switzerland by train in the Fall. A friendly St. Bernard joined them but the keg around his neck was empty. By the way, these dogs never did carry rum to snow bound people since alcohol is not the remedy for near freezing.



## AMA Alumni Foundation Financial Report from Treasurer Steve Traylor, '72

As the charitable giving for 2014 personal or corporate tax deductions comes into focus, the schedule at right clearly demonstrates our need for your tax deductible contributions as we prepare to close out our respective years.

This schedule reflects our receipts by category and our areas of concern are the contributory accounts closely associated with our operating abilities.

Regular donations are 55 per cent of our \$42,700 plan at \$23,880. The Chairman's Roundtable is at 39 per cent of our annual goal of \$36,000. The Future is Now campaign stands at 47 per cent or \$11,901 of our annual drive of \$25,295. Matching corporate gifts come in at \$10,300 or 91 per cent of our annual plan of \$11,300.

The important point to note here is the combined deficit of our main operating collection efforts amounts to \$55,000. I cannot stress enough: if you are part of our flagship programs and haven't made your contribution for the current year, please consider doing this before the end of the year to receive your tax deduction supporting documents.

Likewise if you are not part of a specific program of giving, please contribute and upon receipt you will receive a letter reflecting your donation.

The biggest operating surprise was a contribution by **Bill McVey, '60**, in the amount of \$10,000 to be used specifically for repairs and maintenance for the museum. These funds were deposited in a new account to be used specifically to support these expenses.

The Spillman, Charleton and General Scholarship Funds are actually 108 per cent ahead of plan. In addition to the Benefactors support of their respective scholarships, we've experienced a number of donors, named and anonymous, who have contributed to our scholastic endeavors. These additional funds were not expected and quite frankly were a pleasant surprise.

A special request was made to alumni to support an at-risk youth who had been admitted to Riverside Military Academy in Gainesville, Georgia. His family secured money for his tuition but lacked funding for his uniforms. Various alumni contributed \$1,150 for this effort and their support broadened our base of support within the Foundation scholarship programs.

Interest and dividends earned actually are on par with our plan as of 30 September but bear in mind that these funds remain in the Raymond James accounts as we generally do not transfer funds to the Foundation operating accounts preferring that they be retained and added to our investment growth.

The biggest surprise was the 69 per cent increase in our reunion income which was based solely on our 2013 profit experience of \$2,171. Our Reunion 2014 profit came in at \$3,675, exceeding all our expectations given the lower turnout of alumni.

Strong support for *The Bayonet* continues and personally I am amazed at the money designated specifically to the support of our newsletter. While we show a 30 September deficit of \$1,811, I am sure that will be made up by the close of 2014.

Advertising revenue in *The Bayonet* was based on our 2013 experience and is down \$800 to \$350. I wish I had a quick and efficient answer for ways to increase that support. I am hoping that someone will have some suggestions.

Support from museum visitors placing money in our collection box is strong. Again, I based the \$754 budget on our 2013 collections and with \$707 collected through 30 September, I am fairly confident that we will surpass our 2014 plan.

While the Foundation does make a nominal amount on the Paver Program, expenses such as the Afghan Kids/Marine program with **Bruce Hemp, Stuart Hall '72**, is largely a pass through in support of various alumni interests and recognizing and honoring people important to our developing lives when we were students at Augusta.

The category of miscellaneous receipts were reimbursements of reunion expenses that the Foundation incurred for the Association. The \$300 in golf receipts may in fact be an accounting reclassification as it obviously relates to the reunion and may prove to increase our profit on the reunion itself. Online donations have been flat over the past several years and having no receipts in this category is not surprising.

Overall, I thought we would be in a stronger position at the end of September but the natural ebb and flow of contributions is usually in the fourth quarter of any year. Making up the \$55,000 deficit between our contributory accounts among donations, Chairman's Roundtable, the Future is Now and the corporate giving campaigns will be our focus.

We are hopeful that you will focus some of your year-end planning thoughts on your *alma mater* as we continue our focus in developing the future of your Foundation.

### Contributions

Augusta Military Academy Alumni Foundation, Inc.  
Analysis of 2014 Budgeted Receipts and Collections  
September 30, 2014

	2014 Budget	Actual Collected	Deficit Surplus
Donations	\$42,700	\$23,880	(\$18,820)
Chairman's Roundtable	\$36,000	\$14,214	(\$21,786)
Future Is Now	\$25,295	\$11,901	(\$13,394)
Corporate	\$11,300	\$10,300	(\$1,000)
Building Fund	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
Spillman Scholarship	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Charleton Internship	\$7,500	\$8,340	\$840
Scholarship - General	\$200	\$870	\$670
Scholarship - Riverside		\$1,150	\$1,150
Interest & Dividends	\$7,242	\$5,431	(\$1,811)
Reunion Income	\$2,171	\$3,675	\$1,504
Bayonet Income	\$2,300	\$1,726	(\$574)
Advertising	\$800	\$325	(\$475)
Box in Museum	\$754	\$707	(\$47)
Pavers	\$1,550	\$650	(\$900)
Afghan Kids / Marines	\$840	\$350	(\$490)
Miscellaneous	\$227	\$846	\$619.00
Golf		\$300	
Online Donations	\$100	\$0	(\$100)
<b>Total Budget, Receipts @ Deficit</b>	<b>\$148,979</b>	<b>\$104,665</b>	<b>(\$44,614)</b>

## CONTRIBUTIONS

TO THE AMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION  
THROUGH 30 SEPTEMBER 2014

### SPECIAL PATRON

(\$10,000 or more)

Duke Fancher, '58  
Bill McVey, '60  
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(\$2,500 or more)

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(\$1000 to \$2,499)

Bud Allison, '60  
Marc Aronson, '68  
Bob Bradford, '50  
Estate of Ed Chauncey, '49  
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Rob and Kathy Freer  
in memory of Libby and  
Mickey Gordon, '39  
Bill Johnson, '55  
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(\$250 to \$499)

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George Reaves, '69  
Bill Rubush, '49  
Peter Russell, '70  
Al Smith, '66  
Joan Tamargo, '61  
Scott Travers, '70  
Steve Traylor, '72  
Jack White, '69  
Rod Willey, '51  
Charles Winston, '47  
Ron and Susan Yates  
David Zook, '73

### BLUE LEADER

(\$100 to \$249)

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Don Anderson, '58  
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Phil Bentley, '83  
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Steve Brown, '61  
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Harry Darr, '64  
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John Elder, '61  
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Stan Gravely, '76

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Ron Harris, '66  
Pete Lambert, '44  
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John McEwan, '61  
Brian Miller, '67  
Charlie Pascale, '69  
Julia Pearson  
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George Rowland, '72  
George "Boots" Solan, '43  
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(450 to \$99)

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*Thank you, one and all!  
We need your continued  
help to end 2014 in the  
black. Remember, all  
contributions are deductible on  
Federal and State returns!*



# THE 2015 AMA OPEN

## TENTATIVELY AT LAST YEAR'S VENUE

### Friday 17 April at 9 AM - Shotgun start

A four-person scramble (Captain's choice) with all proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation. All are welcome! Men, ladies and teens

Use every player's tee shot twice. Lowest score wins! 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and Last Place Prizes awarded plus Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Best Putt.



Drawing for Mulligan Prizes! \$10 per mulligan, limit two per player.

**FEES: \$100\* PER PERSON WHICH INCLUDES 18 HOLES, GREEN FEES, CART RENTAL, BOX LUNCH, REFRESHMENTS, GOODY BAG AND A DONATION TO THE AMA ALUMNI FOUNDATION**

\* Includes two Mulligans

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**CHARLETON INTERNS** - We were honored to have two dedicated full time Charleton Interns with us at the museum over the summer. Jenny Nehrt is a senior majoring in public history at James Madison University and Morgan Pendleton is a public history senior at Bridgewater College. They stand before a portrait of former AMA Headmaster Colonel Thomas Roller, General Roller's brother, who passed away in 1946.

**SMA, FISHBURNE, FORK UNION AND OTHER MILITARY SCHOOL ALUMNI ARE INVITED TO PLAY GOLF AND SHOOT SPORTING CLAYS AT THE 2015 AMA REUNION. SO ARE ALUMNAE OF STUART HALL! SEE THE DETAILS INSIDE AND JOIN US NEXT APRIL FOR FUN AND THE EXCHANGE OF FOND MEMORIES!**